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## B. OF T. TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

200 YOUNGSTERS WILL BE MADE HAPPY XMAS EVE.

Christmas eve—the time when the Christian nations of the earth turn their throats to the anniversary of the birth of Christ; when young and old join into the festivities of the occasion, then, is the gladdest time in all the year for the youth who is looking in anticipation for a visit from Santa Claus. The glad tidings of "peace on earth and good will toward men" still ring loudly.

It should be a happy time for all, and to help to promote good cheer, the Board of Trade has volunteered to play Santa Claus to about 200 of Grayling's youngsters. And there is going to be a real Santa Claus, too, who will go about the homes of the city on Christmas Eve, and distribute presents to the little ones. There

will be candy and nuts and popcorn too. George Burke says that Santa will have enough to pay for when he buys the presents so that he will pay for the other things. Guess this must have been a good Ford season in order to afford to buy candy, nuts and popcorn balls for a couple of hundred youngsters. Santa is glad to have Mr. Burke help him to have such a big family that it takes a lot of money to go around. A lot of the other fellows about town also are going to help with their dollars and there will be enough for the 200 lucky kids.

Watch out for the big Santa Claus truck Christmas Eve; it will call at your home so be there ready to take the packages.

Rah, for the Board of Trade, Mr. Burke and all the other regular fellows of Grayling. We'll "Heap on more wood," if "the wind is chill," for "We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

## SEVERAL CASES SCARLET FEVER

ALSO NUMBER CASES OF DIPHTHERIA.

Health Officer Carl Jensen reports a number of cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever and warns parents not to permit children, during the vacation time, to congregate in the streets, and to keep them off the street as much as possible.

Those patients so far reported to the press, that are under quarantine, are as follows:

Scarlet Fever.  
Inez Sutliff.  
Mrs. Carl Tahoven and child.  
Axel Larson.  
Elizabeth Lola Cameron.  
Jerome Kessler.  
Ardith Dunham.

Diphtheria.  
Mrs. Ross Barber.  
Carl Thurston.  
Mrs. Ernest Dowker.  
The quarantine of Bertha Pollock, for diphtheria was lifted last week Friday.

All patients are being given the best of care, however the physicians and public health nurse warn people to use every precaution to help to prevent the spread of the disease, and to especially remain away from the homes that are under quarantine.

Toxin-Antitoxin Being Given.  
Many of the local children are taking the toxin-antitoxin treatment which immunizes them for pretty much the remainder of their lives. Also some of the schools about the county are being treated. Last week on request of Hugo Schreiber and Chas. Corwin, Dr. Pool, assisted by Mrs. Squires, public health nurse, administered the treatment to forty pupils of the South Branch township schools. Three treatments are required to complete the immunization, thus necessitating the trip to South Branch for three successive Fridays, and the physician and nurse are hoping that the weather will permit the continued use of the auto in order to get there.

## INDEPENDENTS VS. VANDERBILT SAT.

The Grayling Independents will open its season Saturday at the High School gym. Their opponents will be Vanderbilt. This team has played 4 games already this season and has won all of them. It looks like our "Indies" are in for a good hard game, however they have been working hard and are in fine shape for their opening game.

Our line-up will include a proud of the team that Grayling was so proud of 2 years ago together with "Cliff" Crane our new high school coach. We have also added G. Chamberlin and "Gyp" Hanson to our line-up.

Let's all get out and see that basket ball gets started out with the right foot this year.

A real good Fountain Pen is always welcome. We sell the Parker Duo-fold. Central Drug Store.

## Merry Christmas to All



The season's great heart has forgotten no one—  
Though garret or hut be his place,  
The feel of Good Cheer his pathway has found,  
To give with a plenteous grace.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

## THE SCHOOL TATTLER

Donald Reynolds—Editor.  
Helen Sherman—Asst. Editor.

Basket Ball.  
The first games of class basket ball were played last Tuesday night between the Juniors and the Seniors. The 8A and the 8B.

The Seniors defeated the Juniors, 8-4, in an overtime game. This was a very fast and snappy game and the Seniors were victors by two long baskets, which gave them the decision. Cameron starred for the Juniors and Matson for the Seniors.

The 8A and 8B games was also a fast and snappy one, in which the 8B turned out to be victors by the score of 8-4.

Last Friday night the Freshmen scored a triumph over the Sophomores in a 11-15 game. The Freshmen did some fine basket work which could not be equalled by their upper classmen the Sophomores. Cripps, starred for the Freshmen and Johnson for the Sophomores.

The 7B scored a victory over the 7A the same evening the score being 4-6. The percentages are as follows:

First Division.			
	W	L	Average
Seniors	1	0	1000
Freshmen	1	0	1000
Juniors	0	1	0000
Soph's	0	1	0000
Second Division.			
	W	L	Average
8B	1	0	1000
7B	1	0	1000
8A	0	1	0000
7A	0	1	0000

Be prepared to come out and patronize our class games.

The High School boys and girls basketball teams play their first game of the season next Friday night when they hook horns with the basketball team of Kalkaska. The boys' basketball team is suffering from Landsberg's absence which is caused from a broken wrist which was done in practice. Come with us next Friday night, and take in the Kalkaska game. It will be worth seeing.

As you will know the Grayling Bobbies this year:

"Marcy" Sullivan—L. Forward.  
"Belinda" Collier—R. Forward.  
"Speed" Ahman—Center.  
"Red" Reynolds—Side Center.  
"Blondy" Taylor—R. Guard.  
"Johnny" Johnson—L. Guard.

The boy's lineup:  
McPhee, LaGrow, Isenhauer, C. Ingalls, S. Matson, R. Robertson. Lipman Landsberg, altho unable to play on account of a broken wrist will be taken along. C. D. C.

Debating.  
The Grayling High School debating team, was defeated at Alba last Friday night, 3-0 in their second debate of the season. The argument was a close one, from start to finish.

The Juniors have ordered a play which will be rehearsed directly after Christmas vacation.

Don't be surprised if you see a pair of sidburns walking down the street, for Ora Ingalls has ordered a play.

Jake Cripps, star basketball player on the Freshmen five, evidently thinks it is a football league, instead of basketball. For information see the Sophomores.

Foolish Questions No. 456, 928, 684.  
1. Have you got chains on? For information see C. Olson.

2. Who is the new "Daniel Webster"?

3. Have the Bobbies a good team?

4. Are we going to have a month for Christmas vacation?

5. Who won the debate?

6. What is the G. I. K. E.?

7. What's all the posters in the Assembly room for?

8. Who all are going to Kalkaska?

9. Got your 1500 word theme?

Just think two weeks vacation for Christmas. It's too good to be true but it's a fact.

Scientists claim that every day in school is worth between \$7.00 and \$8 to the average student. If that's the case we have \$1.58 coming for overtime last Wednesday.

See the Glass Case played in the gym every Tuesday and Friday nights the admission being only 10c.

They say Chevrolet cars are way up in the air. See Ingalls Bros. There was a terrible commotion in back of the assembly room Monday a. m. Miss Bellows was compelled to extend her influence so that the noise would cease, but it kept on until the entire school gazed back and saw the cause of it all. Lipman Landsberg to school again.

Our Christmas presents to the teachers:  
1. To Miss Bellows—A Megaphone.  
2. To Miss Hainline—A Billy Club.  
3. To Miss Shankel—Some more wooden blocks.  
4. To Miss Thomas—A "Spark Plug."  
5. To Miss Fox—A Maxtin-attencer.

## WORKING HOURS BEING CORRECTED

STATE OFFICIAL INSPECTS LOCAL LABOR CONDITIONS.

S. C. Cornell, state inspector of factories, workshops, hotels and stores, has been in the city several days this week looking into the labor conditions and says that he finds conditions in very good shape. While there seems to be more or less violations of the female labor law, these are few and not serious. Also a few cases where children under the age of 16 are employed during vacation times without the necessary permit, signed by either the superintendent or commissioner of schools or a duly authorized representative.

"The law is perfectly clear," said Mr. Cornell, "with reference to the employment of children under 16 yrs. of age. And even during vacation time they may not be employed in any kind of labor without a permit." While he claims that a few have been careless about this matter, and made errors he believes that these errors will be corrected in due time. Therefore he has decided to leave the matter that way instead of advertising a few as law breakers.

It is unlawful to employ female labor more than 54 hours per week, and not more than 10 hours in any one day.

6. To Miss Curtis—A Tin Cornet.  
7. To Miss Chapman—A Yell Master's Guide.

8. To Mr. and Mrs. Crane—A pair of handkerchiefs.

Come to Kalkaska Friday night and see our team to victory.

Be prepared to come to the debate Jan. 18.

In behalf of the student body we extend Christmas Greetings to all.

UNLAWFUL TO KEEP SWINE WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS.

Health Officer, Carl Jensen requests publication of the following sections taken from the health ordinances relative to the keeping of swine within the corporate limits of the Village. They read as follows:

Section 7. No person or persons shall collect or confine swine in pens or inclosures or otherwise within 100 feet of any residence or public street within the village limits.

Section 9. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions or requirements of this ordinance, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the jail of Crawford County for a period not exceeding ninety days or both such fine and imprisonment and in default in payment of any fine imposed by virtue hereof the offender may be imprisoned in said jail for a period of not more than ninety days unless such fine shall be sooner paid.

FUNCK SCHOOL NOTES.

December, Oh, December dear  
We know your laughing face  
And who that jolly fellow is,  
Who drives at such a pace,  
The prancing deer, the jingling bells,  
The sleigh with toys heaped high  
Proclaim to every child on earth,  
That dear St. Nick is nigh.  
I hear the bells on Christmas day,  
Their old familiar chords play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat,  
Peace on earth, good will to men.  
—Longfellow.

Our Xmas program is to take place on Dec. 21 at 2:00 in the school building.

Bertha and Georgia Clover were neither absent or tardy last month.

Mrs. A. Funck visited school Monday, December 10.

We have eight enrolled in our school and we sold five hundred Xmas seals.

The officers of South Branch township decided it would be a good thing to have the pupils of the school in the township vaccinated on Friday, about 40 including a few teachers and children under school age met at the Royce school and were vaccinated.

Robert, saying a Christmas piece: "Say, wouldn't I like to get so I could skate cross-eyed with the girls" (cross-handed).

Charlie pointing to Ernst, "Can I make what Ernst is?"

Teacher, "Yes we are all going to make one."

Albert, "Make what?"

Teacher, "Nothing."

Editor—Albert Schreiber.  
Teacher—Vella Hermann.

## "SEE AMERICA FIRST" MAGAZINE

THE ROAD MAPS AND FUNNY RESULTS.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Eastern Michigan Development Bureau held last week, it was decided that the Bureau should take advantage of the opportunity of having the April edition of the magazine "See America First" devoted entirely to North Eastern Michigan.

To put this across it is necessary that the Bureau secure a certain amount of advertising and it is expected that the various Boards of Trade or Chambers of Commerce will take this advertising space. In addition to the regular edition, the Bureau takes 5,000 extra copies to mail to people making inquiry of the Bureau regarding North Eastern Michigan. The opportunity is also offered to others in the district to secure extra copies at cost. Already advertising space has been taken by several of the hotels and one of the Boards of Trade.

The Bureau also expects to use at least 20,000 of the Rand McNally Road Maps with a special three color cover. By placing orders with the Bureau, the hotels, oil stations, garages and members of the Bureau have the opportunity of being listed in red on the entire edition of the Michigan road maps amounting to about 225,000 in number.

One of the Resort and Tourist blot-

ters issued last year by the Development Bureau and the Huron Shore Tourist Association in some way found its way to the Cotton Belt of Texas and after some correspondence was the result of bringing a farmer to North Eastern Michigan who purchased a very excellent farm in Gladwin County.

## T. E. DOUGLAS SAVING FUEL

ATTACHMENT MAKES AIR TIGHT DOORS AND WINDOWS.

The problem of keeping the cold air from coming thru the edges of the doors and windows of homes and other buildings seems to have been solved by the Mackinburg-Duncan Co. of Oklahoma City, in the invention of Numetal weatherstrips. These are of simple design and made of spring brass and when applied keep out all wind, rain and other weather elements.

T. E. Douglas is the local dealer in this material and in speaking of the advantages in these weatherstrips he says as follows:

What Numetal Weather Strips Will Do.

Numetal weatherstrips are on the job continuously, rain or shine, cold weather or warm weather.

During the winter months they will save from one-third to one-half of your fuel.

During the rainy season they will keep the rain from blowing in around your windows and doors.

During the hot and dusty weather

they will keep out all dirt and grit. During the windy season of the year they will prevent your windows and doors from rattling.

Numetal weatherstrips will do all this—meet every requirement of a weatherstrip—yet they are most inexpensive, easily and quickly installed.

Numetal weatherstrips make home comforts real.

Shoppenagon Inn was the first place in Grayling to install Numetal strips. They were quickly followed by the court house and jail. Several orders have been placed, says Mr. Douglas, to equip some of the homes complete. There is no question as to the merits of numetal. They will pay their cost in the saving of fuel in a few weeks.

At the request of Mr. Douglas a supply of these have been left at the Avalanche office for the convenience of those who may wish to purchase, and where full instructions may be had for those who prefer to install Numetal themselves. Call and see them or phone 1112 for information.

FARMS BEING IMPROVED.

Many general improvements are being made on Crawford county farms. Andrew Mortenson, Archie Howse and William Feldhauser have completed modern poultry houses as the result of the fact that Grayling might furnish an excellent market for dairy products. Only 1-4 of the butter and eggs consumed by the townspeople is being furnished by farmers of this county. George Thomas, near Frederic has built an addition to his barn for 12 cows, and William Dickson on the Beaver Creek road has just finished a large new barn.



## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE GIFT SHOP

Everything for young and old from Baby to Grandpa.

We are on the job to serve you quickly—plenty of clerks, and with smiles to welcome you.

## B. A. COOLEY

Jeweler



## Let Us Help You Make It another ELGIN CHRISTMAS

Everybody welcomes assistance in choosing gifts. The service of this store safeguards you against an unsatisfactory choice.

You profit by this experience with every purchase you make, whether it is inexpensive Cuff Links, or an Elgin Watch for any member of your family.

Our stocks are selected with careful regard to your Christmas gift needs. Come in and make your selections now.

There's an Elgin Gift Watch for every member of your family.

Carl W. Peterson, Jeweler

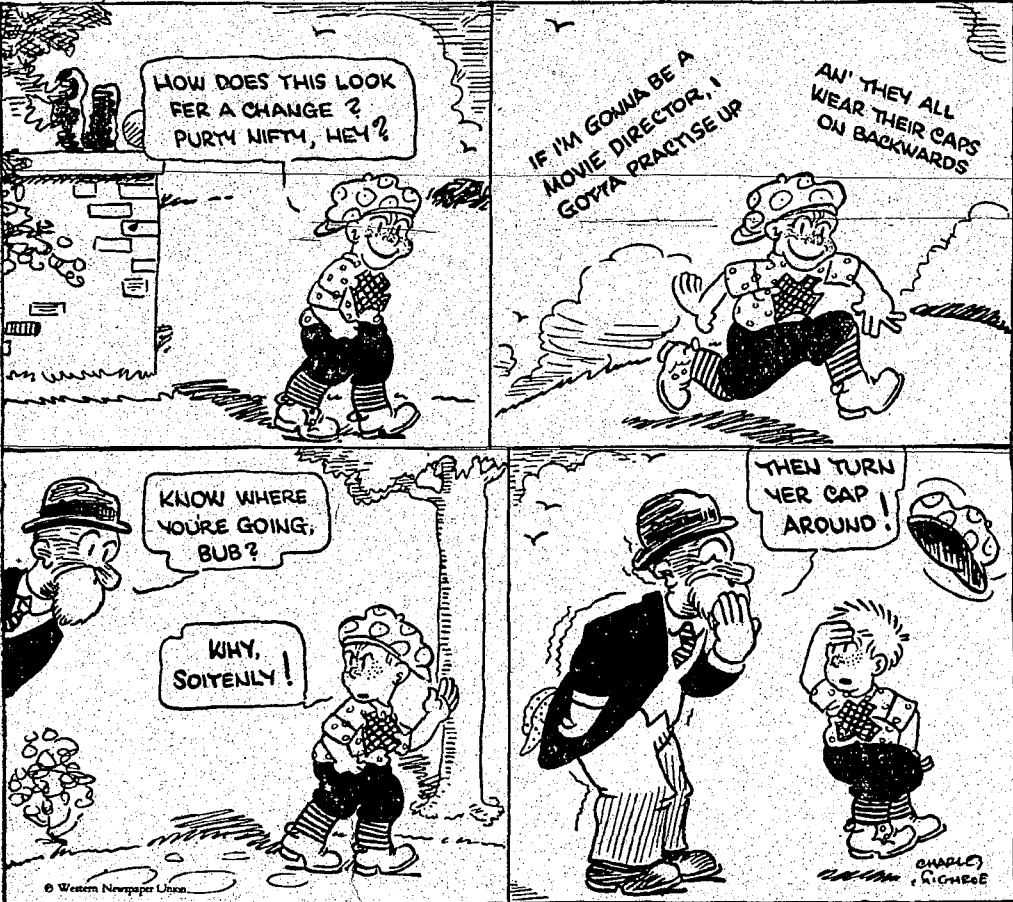


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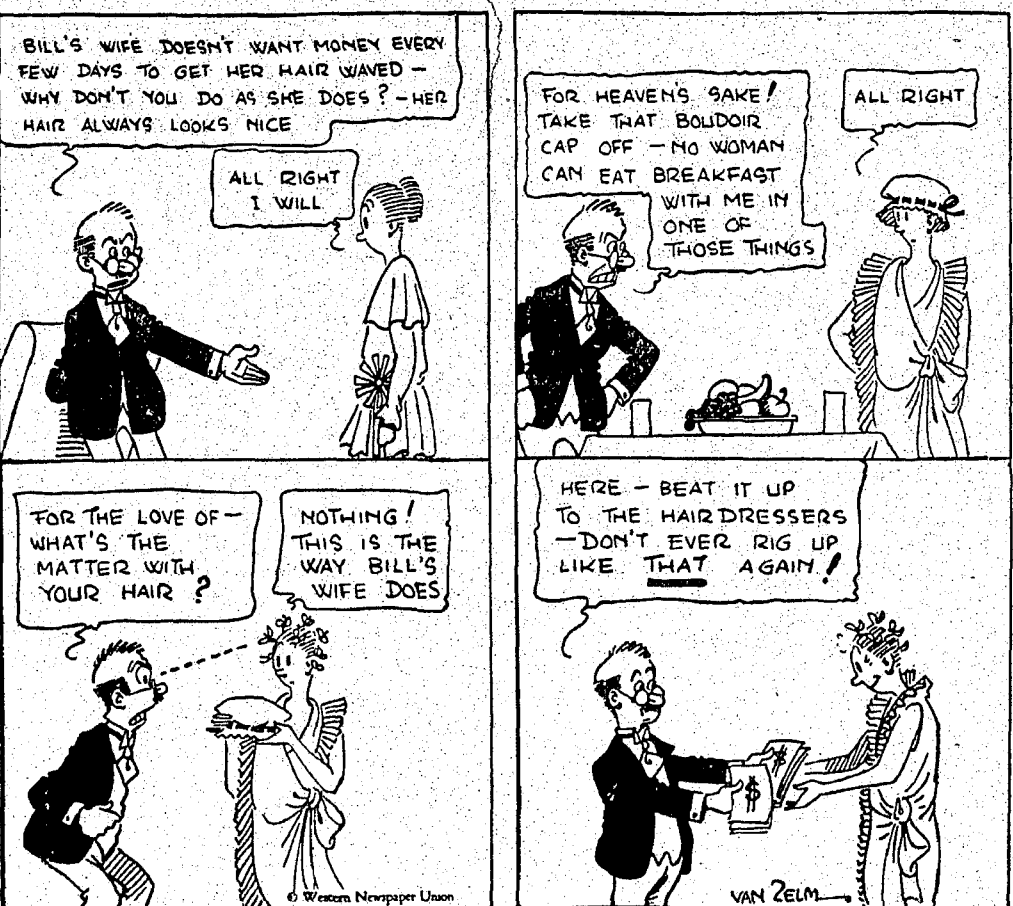
## Off the Concrete



## What's This Old Codger Know About Art?



## All Right, Sir



## Lent in A. D. 130

This penitential season, lasting 40 days is observed in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and other Christian churches, from Ash Wednesday to Easter day, exclusive of Sundays. It is said to have been instituted by Pope Telesphorus in A. D. 130. In early days Lent commenced on Sunday, now known as the first Sunday in Lent; but in 487 the four days preceding were added by Pope Felix III, thus

increasing the number of fast days to 40. Lent was first observed in England in 640. Previous to 1533 the use of meat was prohibited during this season, but in that year Henry VIII of England issued a proclamation permitting the use of white meat. The use of meat was wholly forbidden by James I in 1610 and 1625 and again by Charles I in 1627 and 1631. The word Lent is derived from the Anglo-Saxon Lenteu (spring).

Hard labor has its recompense—rest.

## Electrocution Used in 1749.

Death by electrocution is considered a comparatively modern invention, yet Benjamin Franklin used it nearly one hundred years ago. In 1749 Franklin wrote a friend: "A turkey is to be killed by electric shock, and roasted for our dinner by the electric jack before a fire kindled by the electric bottle." The "electric jack" referred to was an electrostatic motor strong enough to rotate an iron rod passed through a turkey prepared for cooking, says a writer in the Mentor.

## Frocks Trimmed in Plaited Lace;

## Novel Kid Gloves and Hosiery

NOTHING quite so exquisitely adds to the truly feminine touch to our frocks as a bit of lovely lace, or maybe one's choice is sheerest batiste, finely embroidered. Anyway, it's a touch of dainty lingerie here and there which is finding its way on our newest frocks, whether they be of silk, cloth, satin, velvet or any other material.

"They say" that the lace used for frills, collars and wrist furnishings is to be much plaited this season. The effectiveness of these lace plaitings is

Now that novelty enters so largely into our glove fashions, it is becoming as complex a matter to choose one's gloves as to choose one's millinery. Women who appreciate the value of perfectly appointed accessories are taking a genuine delight in this opportunity to express one's individuality in matter of selection.

The gloves grouped in this picture give an inkling of what we may expect in unique design. Some there are who will find the gauntlet glove



New Dresses Trimmed With Lace.

proved in the figure presented to the left in this picture. Notice how the lace traverses the side opening. It is the smart idea of the present. As to the double-frilled cuffs, this also is representative of the vogue.

One cannot lightly pass by this handsome cloth frock without paying respects to the handsome embroidery theme which so enhances its appearance. The oak-leaf design is formed of velvet applique, with profuse braiding concluding the allover patterning.

The other frock is of the simplicity type, laying claim to distinction because of the delicately sheer batiste embroideries at sleeve and bodice opening.

Speaking of batiste, the sort so won-

dered with fringe trimming of irresistible appeal.

The two-color scheme in glove-making is wonderfully effective. Sometimes contrasting shades of kid are worked together in vandyke points, or gussets are set in to produce a flare cuff. Either of these ideas is acceptable, especially in such combinations as cocoa with beige, platinum gray with pearl and black with white.

A clever contrast is attained by means of cutout work patterned in the top white kid, which reveals through its eyelets an underlay of black kid.

Another means to an end is to slash the white kid glove up one side of the wrist, so that it can be turned back to



Latest Styles in Gloves and Hosiery.

derfully embroidered in foreign lands and which at a glance bespeaks utmost quality, trims many a velvet frock this winter in manner of quaint apron effects, bib collars and panels.

It is a splendid idea to freshen up one's cloth dress with collars and cuffs of wide plaited lace. Pin-tucked net is also entering largely into the designing of lingerie finishings. Embroidered organdie and net tabs are also in use, the former often stitched in colored yarns, relating its tones and tints to the dress it trims.

form little corner laps, showing a triangle of the black ground.

The hosiery here illustrated includes a handsome pair of plaid-top golf stockings and an exquisite pair of pure-thread silk full-fashioned hose, the same emphasizing the decorative feature of handsomely embroidered clocks in triple rows.

Julia Bottomley  
(©, 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

## Removes Mud Stains.

If you get mud on your silk undershirt don't use a brush to it. Wrap a piece of velvet or velveteen around your finger and rub off the dried mud and, to remove the mud stain, rub it with a cloth dipped in ammonia and water. Brushing spoils the silk and makes the dirt go in deeper.

Frivolous Looking Apron Useful. Gay little work aprons of brilliantly colored rubber effectively disguise their usefulness under an air of frivolity.

## On Spangled Gown.

There are many creations of spangled materials exquisitely ornamented with French-ribbon flowers. One spangled in gold and silver has a gold and silver ribbon girdle, and a huge conspicuous spiderweb done in narrow gold ribbon across the front of the gown.

Small Hats Brilliantly Embroidered. Slightly Chinese in inspiration are small hats of velvet, brilliantly embroidered in colors and metal threads

## YOU CAN BE FREE FROM COUGHS AND COLDS NOW

Hypo-Cod Will Quickly Relieve the Most Stubborn Cough or Cold for You.

There is no reason why anyone should go through this winter suffering with cold after cold or a bad cough. Hypo-Cod, the great health-builder, will relieve and rid you of the most stubborn cold or cough. It will also keep you free from colds if you start taking it now, as it will build you up to the point where you won't catch every cold that comes along. William Hoskins of Yale, Mich., writes: "I suffered from bad colds and coughs all of the time. I was always

taking a fresh one. My head was always stopped up and I felt miserable all of the time. After reading about Hypo-Cod and how it rid and kept you free from colds, I got a bottle and started to take it. It certainly worked wonders for me. After taking several bottles I am free from my cough and cold, and my head is clear and I am going to continue taking Hypo-Cod for I want to keep well and free from colds." Hypo-Cod is easy and pleasant to take and is sold by all druggists. If you have a cold or a cough and want to lose it get a bottle of Hypo-Cod and start taking it today.—Adv.

## Towns Change Names.

In 1925 Christiania, capital of Norway, will change its name and be known as Oslo, members of the shorthill or parliament of Norway have decided. Christiania reminds them too much of the various kings Christian, who have ruled that country. The Russian socialists under Kerensky changed the name of St. Petersburg during the war, because it was a German name. Berlin, Ontario, changed its name to Kitchener during the war and had a riot over it.

## Geyser in Sea Spurts Oil.

Due probably to shifting strata in the Caspian sea, an unusual phenomenon in oil wells was noticed near Baku, Azerbaijan. A geyser suddenly began erupting from the sea, two miles off the coast, and during two hours of activity spurted at a height of 70 feet, throwing off stones as well as oil. The eruption was accompanied by flames. On the spot a small island formed after the "gusher" died down.

## COFFEE ARRIVES BY WATER

Chicago.—The arrival recently of a cargo of coffee at the Clark street dock of Beld, Murdoch & Co., marked the first of such shipments coming to Chicago by water from the South American coffee plantations.

The firm purchased the coffee in Colombia, transported it by mule to Girardot and thence entirely by water from this point in the interior of South America to the heart of North America where it was unloaded at the docks of the company in Chicago. This marks a distinct advance over the former methods of transporting coffee and has affected a material saving in cost.

In the future practically all coffee will be shipped to Chicago by water from Colombia, said John MacMahon, vice president of the company.

## Forty Varieties of Tobacco.

There are more than forty varieties of the tobacco plant, but fewer than half a dozen of these are used commercially in the manufacture of smoking mixtures.

## Seek Hardy Cow for Alaska.

The United States Department of Agriculture is trying to develop a cow for Alaska which will be hardy enough to stand the winters there and still give plenty of milk.

## Cuticura for Pimples.

To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum. Advertisement.

## Should Say So.

Sue—When Paul kissed me good night, he kissed me on the ear.  
Lu—Gee, you sure can dodge!

Say **BAYER** **ASPIRIN**

Demand Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN—Insist

Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians 23 years for

Colds Headache Neuralgia Lumbago  
Pain Toothache Neuritis Rheumatism

Genuine Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists.

WARNING: Genuine "Bayer Aspirin" is never sold in candy stores, bars or cafes. Go to Druggists. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monocellulose of Salicylic Acid

Two pleasant ways to relieve a cough



Take your choice and suit your taste. S-B—or Menthol flavor. A sure relief for coughs, colds and hoarseness. Put one in your mouth at bedtime. Always keep a box on hand.

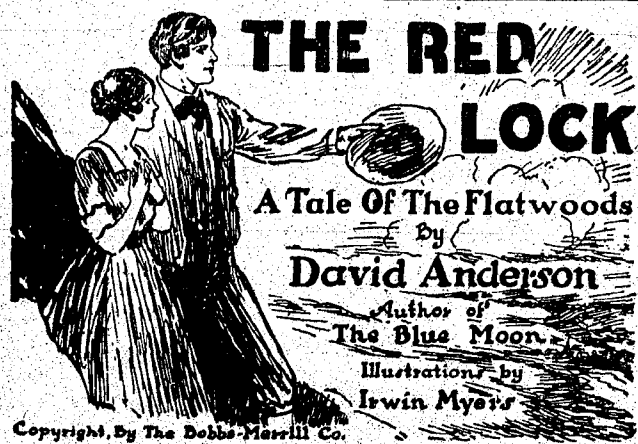


**SMITH BROTHERS**  
S.B. COUGH DROPS MENTHOL (orange colored box)  
Famous since 1847

## CONSTIPATION

Take a good dose of **Carter's Little Liver Pills**—then take 2 or 3 for a few nights after. They cleanse your system of all waste matter and **Regulate Your Bowels**. Mild—as easy to take as sugar. Genuine bear signature—Beware of Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.





# THE RED LOCK

A Tale Of The Flatwoods

By David Anderson

Author of 'The Blue Moon'

Illustration by Irwin Myers

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## THE RED LOCK

**SYNOPSIS.**—On the banks of the Wabash stand Texie, Colin and Jack Warhops, young and very much in love. Texie is the only daughter of old Pap Simon, rich man and money-lender. Jack is the orphan boy of Pap Simon, who had foreclosed a mortgage on the Warhops estate. At first Texie and Jack talk saddy of Ken Colin, the girl's missing brother. Then Jack says that in ten days his servitude will be over, that he will ride out into the big world to seek his fortune. Both know what that will mean to them. Texie and Jack talk of the red lock of "Red Colin," inherited by him from his father, as he's coming back as soon as he finds gold in California. Then arrives the new preacher, Rev. Caleb Hopson. Pap Simon introduces the villagers to the new preacher, who was a college mate of Ken.

## CHAPTER III—Continued.

"Really, Miss—Colin, there is very little to tell. Your brother was the all-most puzzling psychological problem that I ever tried to solve. He could have been one of the most brilliant scholars the institution ever turned out. He literally drank up everything the college had to give, and that without apparent effort—as the desert drinks the dew. His penmanship; his drawing; his command of English—very remarkable. I was his roommate and classmate, and yet I never saw him apply himself seriously to study. I don't think he did. And that was probably his limitation—learning came too easy to him. It can, you know."

He stopped, as if he had no more to say; stared at his napkin and folded it with careful precision.

"The president's letter said that—that?"

The girl seemed unable to finish the question, but the preacher guessed what she wanted to know. He again fumbled his napkin, unfolded it, and looked around the table. It was an embarrassing moment.

"With all due respect to you, his family," he glanced at Mrs. Curry and the woodsman—"and friends, though I would rather not speak of it at all, and should not do so, only that it is my duty as your minister to tell you the truth—Kenwood Colin was a very severe trial to the college authorities. His talent for learning was equaled only by his talent for mischief. Yet, wild as he was known to be, nobody thought that he would ever have forged his father's name. He was deeply in debt before his very clever forgeries were even suspected, much less detected.

"Then came his sensational killing of a gambler over a card game, and his subsequent escape somewhere into the great underworld of the city. Since that, nothing more seems to have been heard of him."

There was a moment's silence. The girl leaned forward; her lips apart; her eyes wide.

"Pore Ken—" she said softly. "He couldn't help being what he was. It was the red lock."

The preacher raised his spectacled eyes up from his plate and stared at the girl curiously.

"Red lock?"

"Didn't you know he had it?"

The preacher looked his bewilderment.

"Then please, please, don't mention that you know it! Please, don't ever! I told you I wasn't to tell his roommate, or I wouldn't have told. He was that ashamed 'e had it, and always kept it combed under so's it didn't show."

The banker had been staring at the tablecloth. He lifted his face.

"The 'curse of Colin,'" he commented thoughtfully. "He was a sea pirate in the days of Queen Elizabeth. 'Red Colin,' they called 'im. Looks like his blood would 'a run out b' this time, but it ain't. Every three or four generations it shows up, generally one child in a family with a lock o' hair as red as fire. Nobody would think a lock o' hair and a drop o' blood could set a child back hundreds o' generations 't what o' 'Red Colin' must 'a been, but it does."

"The minute I saw that red lock on Ken, I knowed 'e was doomed. I've licked 'im and reasoned with 'im and prayed over 'im—but I knowed all the time it wouldn't do no good. That's the main reason I sent 'im off 't the kind of a college I did—where they ain't nobody much but preachers a-runnin' it. He didn't like 't go 't that kind, but I hoped ben' threw amongst men like that might head off what I knowed was in 'im."

The preacher leaned back in his chair; dropped his hands in his lap.

"Permit me to say," he observed in his jerky fashion, "that was as grave a mistake as you could possibly have made."

"Mebbe so," the old man answered. "But the devil himself couldn't 'a coped with that boy."

The old man beat the lines of his fork on the table; gazed absently at a candle-reached over and snuffed it.

"Ain't it strange," he went on, "how the past fangs the present—the past with its sins and blunders and imperfections? Now there's Texie, cradled in the same arms and nursed at the same breast, and she's as different 'om Ken as sunshine is different 'om the worst storm that ever wrecked the woods."

The preacher put his napkin by

"Hereditas plays many a queer trick," he said in a tone of finality.

In the silence that followed the old banker took the bunch of still unopened letters from his pocket, laid it on the table and began to sort them. The preacher looked around the room and, noticing the night at the windows, rose.

"If you will please excuse me, you remember I promised to run over to the parsonage for a few minutes, and Mrs. Mason probably retired early."

The others rose and gathered about him in polite protest, but the preacher insisted. Mrs. Curry picked up a candle and led the way into the sitting-room, while Texie brought his tall hat from a rack in the corner. He stood gazing about, peering through the open door to the right into the room where the banker kept his safe and papers; into the bedroom at the left where the old man slept; past the fireplace and through the open door to the parlor, as if impressed—possibly amused—by the novelty of a Flatwoods home.

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and held it with the same fervid eagerness he had shown that evening in front of the post office. She suffered her hand to remain slightly longer than it had before, then she gently withdrew it.

"Miss—Texie—you will grant me the privilege of calling you by your first name, will you not?"

She did not answer.

"Your—brother, my—roommate, was very enthusiastic about his pretty sister. But even he did not do you justice. You are—"

He stopped abruptly, stared past her into the night, as if groping for words to clothe a thought unusual with him. The look of a tired student came slowly back to his face, and his shoulders dropped as if weary with bearing the burdens of others. Mumbling a further word or two, he turned from her, crossed the foot-log with mincing step, and passed on through the orchard toward the parsonage.

The girl walked back up the path and sat down on the porch step.

Words were never too plenty with the woodsman, even in his most fluent moments. He leaned against a post and looked down at her. She seemed busy with her thoughts. The silence was so deep that the clink of the dishes, as Mrs. Curry put them away, and the crinkle of the old banker's letters, as he sat reading them at the head of the dining-room table, carried to them out on the porch.

The man roused himself from the spell of the silence; stepped off the porch and sat down by the girl's side.

"What d'ya think o' him?" she asked.

It was characteristic of the woodsman that he should answer by another question.

"What d'ya say?"

The girl laughed—a contented little laugh like the lift of the happy water at the bridge.

"Oh, I think he's—"

There came a groan from the dining-room, and the sound of a heavy fall. They sprang up and dashed into the house, just as Mrs. Curry ran in from the kitchen. "The money-lender lay sprawled on the floor, in one hand an open letter, in the other an empty envelope."

The girl darted across the room and bent above the shrunken figure.

"Jack! Jack!"

"Texie, no, don't be flustered. It's just another one o' them faintin' spells. He'll be all right in a minute."

He raised the old man in his great arms and laid him on a sofa at the side of the room.

Mrs. Curry had hurried back to the kitchen for cold water and cloths, and Texie was urging Jack to run for the doctor, when the old banker opened his eyes.

"Doctor!" he panted hard for breath. "Who wants a doctor? It's just another one o' them faintin' spells. Look there!"

He held up the letter. The girl glanced at it carelessly; then, with a quick exclamation, turned it toward the woodsman. And thus holding it between them they read it slowly, word by word.

"Somewhere in New York, May 2, 1924."

"Simon Colin, Buckeye, Ind."

"Sir:

"I caught a fellow with a card up his sleeve and called him. He beat me on the draw, and here I am. This girl here says I can't last till the ink's dry, and I'm not doubtin' her. She's always played square with me. I reckon you wouldn't allow her inside of your little old synagogue down there in the Flatwoods, but she'd be the whitest one there—except Sis."

"You've been one h—l of a father to me. I've heard you pray by the yard, and I've heard cussin' that was more religious. You starved mother's life out, and you're starvin' the life out of Sis, but you didn't starve my life out, d—n you. I've got a drop of ol' Red Colin in me—him that brought all this cursed red lock mess into the family. I've had my fling—and that's more than you can say, with all your money that you've wrung out of better men."

"I reckon I've got but a few minutes to live. I'd give half of them to see Sis. But if you'd come in right now, I'd try to get up and kick you out. I'm dyin' as ol' Red Colin died—with my boots on. I'm expecting to meet him and you both—in h—l—"

"P. S.—Mr. Colin is dead. He died before he could quite finish signing his name. You can see the blot where the pen fell. I am respecting his wishes and sending this letter without any street address, or other marks, where by you might trace him. His confidence I shall never betray. I will only say that he shall have decent burial."

"THE GIRL."

"But ain't he some looker—Barrin' that killin' rig he's hob-bled up in?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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ficial. Medical research has developed the fact that when objectionable odors are present in the air people breathe, their respiration is depressed and the result is a deficient oxidation of the blood. Therefore, whether ozone really masks an odor or completely destroys it, the effect is healthful because the individual breathes more freely and fully. In other words, when bad odors are present in the air, there is an involuntary contraction of respiration, of which bodily reaction the individual is entirely unconscious.

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**Fish Fed by Electricity.** Fish are being fed by electricity at the Kansas City hatchery. Large light bulbs are placed at the edge of the fish ponds and moths, millers and other insects are attracted by the light. The water beneath the lights is soon covered with the insects which world war of all has been going on for the fish devour eagerly. The greatest ages, it is the struggle between man and the myriad tribes of insects to dominate the world, and it is a much closer contest than most persons suppose. Consequently feeding these enemies to the fish benefits man in two ways.—Capper's Weekly.

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**Eskimo Woman Quits Alaska.** Ada Blackjack, an Eskimo, who was the sole survivor of an expedition led to Wrangell Island in the Arctic ocean by Alan R. Crawford of Toronto in 1921, arrived at Seattle from Nome on the steamship Victoria.

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**London's Population Grows.** It had been estimated that the increase of London's population during and since the World war is no less than 500,000. Vast numbers were attracted from the provinces by the lure of plentiful employment and high wages. Now, having acquired the taste for London, they do not return, even though employment is not now plentiful and wages are not what they were.

**Women Draw 1812 War Pensions.** There are 42 persons drawing pensions for the War of 1812. All these pensioners are women. Hiram Cronk of Ava, N. Y., was the last soldier actually on the rolls of that war. He died in 1905.

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**Open to Everybody** This contest is open to everyone—men and women, boys and girls, with the exception of employees of Reid, Murdoch & Co. and relatives of such employees.

**Contest Closes February 1, 1924** Mail your letter to the Monarch Contest Editor, Reid, Murdoch & Co., P. O. Drawer R. M., Chicago, Illinois, on or before February 1st, 1924. Prizes will be awarded and announcement of prize winners made in this publication as soon as possible after the contest closes.

**The Contest Judges** James A. Loney, Ph. D., Professor Foreign Trade, College of Commerce, DePaul University, Northwestern University. Arthur Nethercott, Ph. D., Department of English, Northwestern University. Lewis Carlyle Sorrell, A. B., Professor Transportation, School of Commerce and Administration, University of Chicago. The decision of the judges will be final.

**Start Now!** This prize contest announcement will not appear again, so don't lose or destroy this page. Write your letter and mail it to the Monarch Contest Editor, Reid, Murdoch & Co., P. O. Drawer R. M., Chicago, Illinois. Win one of the big gold prizes!

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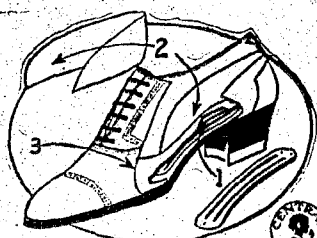


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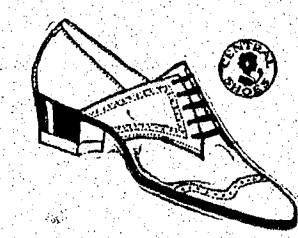
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O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1923.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Will Wingard is a guest of her parents in Lansing.

Additional home news will be found on supplement page.

James H. Grover of Riverview has purchased a new Ford Tudor Sedan.

Charles Vincent of Lewiston was in Grayling on business Tuesday afternoon.

Cranberries, apples, grape fruit, oranges, lemons, and cider at The A. & P. store.

Mrs. William McNeven and daughter Nadine were in Detroit the first of the week.

John W. Payne, county school commissioner was in town on business Wednesday.

Miss Mae McCarthy left Saturday afternoon for Grand Rapids where she will spend the winter.

Miss Norma Johnson of Detroit arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with her father, Wm. Johnson.

Beautiful line of pottery and polychrome ware at the Gift Shop. Ideal for a Xmas present. B. A. Cooley.

Miss Lucille Hanson returned the latter part of the week from a several weeks' visit with friends in Detroit.

Dance with Schram's Ramblers at Temple theatre tomorrow evening—Friday, Dec. 21st. Something unique in a yuletide party.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant arrived Sunday to visit Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson, over Christmas.

Mrs. Gordon Davidson and son of Bay City have arrived to spend Xmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling and family.

Miss Ruth McCullough is home from Detroit Junior College to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. McCullough.

Don't forget the Christmas Carnival dancing party at Temple theatre tomorrow evening, to be given by Schram's Ramblers. Everyone invited.

The ladies of the Altar society gave a "500" party at Shoppenagon's Inn Thursday evening of last week. The prizes were won by Miss Coletta Smith and George Burke.

Grayling friends of Miss Maude Lee Judy, former public health nurse of Crawford county, are receiving Christmas greetings from her, postmarked Paris, France.

Rasmus Rasmussen has returned from a ten days visit in Detroit, visiting Mrs. Rasmussen who is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Newton, at Washington, Mich.

Very little damage resulted from the fire Wednesday afternoon that broke out in the drying shed owned by Chris King. The fire department extinguished the blaze in a few moments.

There will be a special meeting of the Oddfellows at the I. O. O. F. Temple, Friday evening December 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. Very important business. Every member please be present.

Mrs. J. W. Turner of Vanderbilt arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Barber, Mr. Barber's father, Mr. B. F. Barber of West Branch spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the Barber home.

Fred R. Welsh, chairman of the salvage committee of the burned church, announces that next week he will have ready for publication a complete report showing what has been done, the list of those who have assisted financially and actually paid and those who have in any way assisted.

County Treasurer Edwin S. Chalkey is in receipt of a telegram from the State Department at Lansing instructing him to proceed with the sale of 1924 auto licenses. Auto owners may get licenses at the court house at any time by applying to county treasurer.

Mrs. S. L. Carey of Bay City, formerly Miss Mabel Sanbeck, a nurse at Mercy Hospital, will spend Christmas with Miss Helen Flynn at Miss Flynn's home at Rose City. She will stop at Grayling enroute to that place.

Low water is causing curtailed electric service in the city and is making it hard for merchants during the busy Christmas season and the power users. It is reported that many swamps along the rivers that normally are filled with water are now practically dry, thus cutting off the water supply from that source. This is due to the lack of sufficient rains this fall. This condition prevails throughout Michigan generally and practically all rivers are low in water.

A few weeks ago, a certain junk firm advertised that they would purchase old papers, and many reported that they had supplies on hand. This firm's representative failed to appear. However another buyer was in the city today and offers a half cent per pound for old papers, books, etc., provided he can secure a car load. He also will pay the same price for rubber shoes and boots, and any kind of rags. Call the Avalanche office if you have a quantity of these supplies and we will wire the result to this firm Saturday morning. Call phone 1112 today, please.

Finished fancy work, hand made, for the last minute present, at the Gift Shop. Cooley and Redson.

**GOODFELLOWSHIP CLUB ENJOY XMAS PARTY.**

The members of the Goodfellowship Club spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson, Monday. The time was spent making Christmas articles and visiting. AF-

ter delicious refreshments had been enjoyed, the ladies were invited to the dining room where a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree laden with presents greeted them. There were dainty ones and funny ones as well as practical ones and judging from the buzz they created they were all much appreciated. The affair was very pleasant. This will be the last meeting of the club until after the holiday season.

## MEXICO REBELS NEAR CAPITAL

CIVILIAN ARMY NEAR GATES OF MEXICO CITY READY TO SEIZE ARSENALS.

## OBREGON FORCES CONFIDENT

Revolutionists Demand Payment of Several Months Taxes in Advance.

Washington—A civilian rebel army, numbering about 8,000, have gathered at the gateway to Mexico City, awaiting orders to seize government arsenals and public buildings. Mexico City is defended by 2,000 loyal soldiers and their commander, General Gomez, said he would fight to the last.

Fears are felt in some quarters in Mexico City that a class struggle may develop which would precipitate civil war and possibly bolshevism. Foreign residents are leaving Mexico City. The rebels claim a victory near Acapulco.

It was reported that General Angelo Flores and Raol Madero, brother of the assassinated president, were preparing to launch separate revolts against both the Obregon government and the Huertista rebels.

American arms and ammunition are now moving across the Mexican border and through the gulf ports in considerable volume, according to confidential advices reaching Washington.

Present relations permit the unrestricted movement of war implements from the United States to Mexico.

It is the absolute conviction in official circles in Mexico City that the government will score a complete success over the rebellious forces, according to a report made public at the state department from George T. Summerlin, American charge d'affaires in Mexico City.

Summerlin declared that the claims convention will undoubtedly be ratified by the Mexican senate.

The state of Coahuila has joined the revolutionary forces, according to the report of the American consul at Vera Cruz.

The American vice consul at Nanzanillo reported that the revolutionists had issued a decree demanding payment of several months taxes in advance that failure of payment would cause property to be embargoed and that foreigners would be affected.

## FREDERIC NEWS.

The Frederic M. P. church and Sunday School will not hold any services until after New Years on account of the epidemic of sore throat.

Mrs. Corydon Forbush and son Keith are on the road to recovery after being seriously ill.

Mrs. E. A. Corsaut has returned home after spending the week in Jackson.

Our teachers, Miss Howse, Miss Heileman and Miss Chase have left for their homes for the holidays.

Mrs. Stannard spent the week end in Bay City.

On Friday evening there were four Indians raising a commotion on our streets and also using indecent language. We feel quite sure that if Grandma Barber, at the age of 93, were Deputy Sheriff, she would have landed the offenders in jail. The question is when they say they will shoot is the Deputy Sheriff just supposed to get their numbers?

Don Sheldon got his arm mixed up with a buzz saw. No bones were broken however.

The scarletina has been in our locality all summer, and now at Xmas time. Our school is closed down until the second of January.

Sidney Barber is putting in his time at Johannesburg.

The young people who went to Gaylord last Friday lost a wheel off from their Ford, so had to borrow one to get home, which was in the wee small hours of the morning.

Rev. Hart and daughter have been holding Revival services at Tower the past week with much success.

Frank Monroe has quite a family now. Friends from Eaton Rapids are still coming.

B. J. Callahan now drives a big Buick.

Mrs. Corsaut and children have been visiting in Jackson and other places.

Floyd Goshorn is driving an up-to-date Chevrolet, they having gone to the southern part of the state last week to try it out.

Mrs. Ed. McCracken, who has been very ill the last three or four weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, is able to be around the house again.

Since the highway to Waters has been completed it is remarkable how many people have tried it out.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis, who made a lengthy stay at her daughter's, Mrs. Harvey at Alba is home again.

El Forbush has returned home from Lansing, Mich., much improved in health.

Louis Gardner is on the sick list.

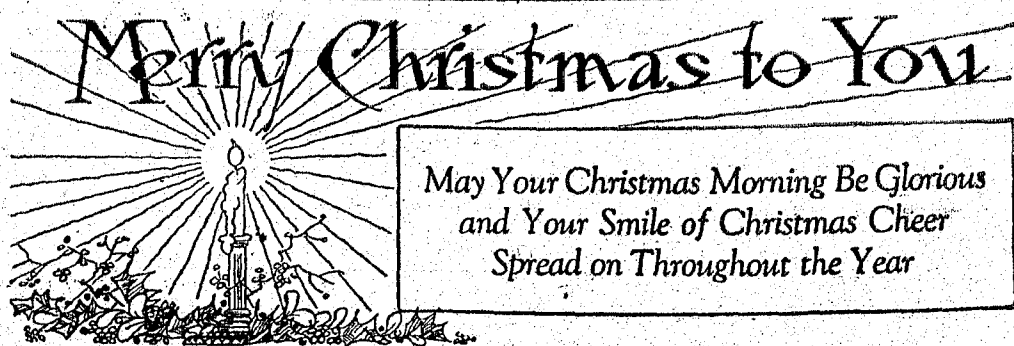
The writer knows a prominent man who went to Otsego Lake fishing and never got a bite, and also went hunting and never got a hare.

Our teachers are taking their holiday vacation.

A petition has been in circulation to remove the post office from its present site to the Post Master's store building.

Laura Wallace is the chef at the John Burk restaurant.

Mrs. James Patterson who has been ailing is much improved in health. Geo. Hunter now holds the position of barn boss at Hanson's camp.



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and Your Smile of Christmas Cheer  
Spread on Throughout the Year

**Sensible  
price tags**

**don't be crazy  
and pay more**

## LANDSBERG'S 3rd Annual Xmas Sale



**WANTS**  
Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 25 cts. There are about six words to the line.  
**SEND MONEY WITH ORDER**

**LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS** for rent. Inquire of Mrs. George Miller.

**GENERAL CLEANING AND WASHING** wanted. Mrs. Geo. Taylor, 2nd door south of Mercy Hospital. Good reference. tf.

**LOST—SATURDAY AFTERNOON**, a brown velour hand bag between the Claud Gilson residence and Nelson's Gas Station, or between the latter place and the Peter Larson home on the South side. Contained a set of linen dories, some papers and a sum of money. Kindly leave at Avalanche office.

**STRAYED—A BLACK AND WHITE** Holstein cow, about Thursday, December 13, from our home six and one half miles east of Grayling. Please notify Harley Diltz, Grayling.

**FOUND—BROWN LEATHER HAND** bag or pocket book. Owner may have same by calling at this office.

**LOST—SOO WOOL OVERCOAT**, about ten miles east of Grayling on Lovells road, Tuesday, Dec. 11. Finder notify J. Van Valkenberg, Frederic, Mich. or leave at Avalanche office, Grayling.

**WANTED TO BUY—SOME CUTTER** fills. Johannes Jorgenson. Phone No. 861. 12-13-2.

**FOR SALE—BUFFET AND ROUND** dining-table. Phone 1044. 12-13-2

**LOST—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19**, between Grayling and Frederic, License No. 223-489. Kindly leave at du Pont office or Avalanche office.

**WANT TO HEAR FROM OWNER** having farm for sale, give particulars and lowest price. John J. Black, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. 12-20-3.

**FOR SALE—A CECILIAN PIANO** Player. Cheap for cash. With bench, cabinet and 88 rolls. Phone Avalanche office for particulars. Attaches to any style of piano. 11-29-6.

**STRAYED TO MY FARM 5** Holstein calves. Owner may have same by paying charges. J. A. Denno, Fairview Farm, Beaver Creek township, 3 miles south of Military reservation. 12-6-3

**FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT**, full cement basement, bath, electric lights, hot water heating system. An exceptional bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

**LOST—DOUBLE BARREL**, 12 gauge shot gun, Sunday night, Dec. 2, between Deward and Grayling. Reward offered for its return. Notify John Kolka at M. C. Round House. 12-6-3.



This Market has the exclusive agency on this new and most delicious bread spread offered today. Come in and try a package.

**Burrows Market**

**MORTGAGE SALE.** Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated March 14, 1916, executed by Fred N. Waterman and Gene Hess Waterman, his wife, to the Roscommon State Bank, a corporation, of Roscommon, Michigan, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Crawford county in Liber F of Mortgages on page 42 on March 16, 1916; and

Whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is \$518.50 of principal and taxes, and interest and attorney fee provided by law, which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage; and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law, to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the said power of sale, and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in Grayling, in said county of Crawford, on February 1, 1924, at one o'clock, P. M.; which premises are described as follows:—

The west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, township twenty-five north, range two west, Crawford county, Michigan.

Dated November 1, 1923.

Roscommon State Bank, Mortgagee.  
Hiram R. Smith,  
Attorney for Mortgagee,  
Business Address:—  
Roscommon, Michigan. 11-8-13



**For  
Christmas  
and  
New Year**

Carnations, red and dark pink, per doz.....\$1.75  
Carnations, white and light pink, per doz.....\$1.50  
Few Chrysanthemums left in red and yellow at 50c, 75c and \$1.00 a bunch  
Cyclamen plants, bright red, per plant, \$1 and \$1.50  
White Narcissus in bloom, per plant, .35c to \$1.25  
Primroses, per plant.....35c  
Lettuce, per pound.....30c  
Cut Flower Baskets, each from.....75c to \$9.75  
Red Wreaths for window decorations each 35 and 50c  
Artificial Dahlias, Roses, Asters, Clover 15 and 25c  
Artificial Fruit, boxes containing 2 clusters of grapes, 2 bananas, 2 plums, 2 apples, 2 pears, 1 orange, 1 peach, per box.....\$4.00

**Grayling Greenhouses**



## Your Christmas Store

When you think of Christmas think of Lewis' Drug Store to purchase your Gifts.

Come in and see for yourself. We are making a specialty this season on holiday packages of candy, featuring the Johnson, Liggett and Gilbert lines.



Mrs. C. L. Smith is ill at her home with acute bronchitis.

New Satin Hats at the Gift Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tetu drove to West Branch Sunday.

Have your prescriptions filled at the Central Drug Store.

Miss Margaret Bauman arrived Tuesday afternoon from Detroit.

10 pounds of sugar for \$1.00 at The A. & P. store.

Miss Minnie Lovelly arrived home Saturday from Jackson where she has been employed.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Michigan Memorial church will meet at the home of Mrs. E. N. Darveau, Friday, January 4, 1924.

The Christmas tree and exercises for the children of St. Mary's church will be held at the former K. of C. hall over the Burke Garage, Saturday evening, Dec. 22.

For the whole family: Shoes, Rubbers, Articles and Slippers.

Olson's Shoe Store.

Mrs. E. Estabrook of Detroit is a guest of friends in the city.

10 inch Knitt Felt shoes at \$2.90.

Olson's Shoe Store.

Miss Joy Foutch spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matheson of Roscommon.

Esbern Hanson left Monday for Green Bay, Wis., to attend a Lumbermen's meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison M. Lewis and son Mark will spend Christmas in Newberry with Mrs. Lewis' parents.

Orson Corwin recently underwent a successful operation for cancer at Ann Arbor and is recovering rapidly.

Capt. and Mrs. Hardin Sweeney spent the week visiting his father, J. J. Sweeney, who is ill at his home.

Miss Eleanor Schumann returned home this afternoon from Western Normal college at Kalamazoo to spend the holiday vacation with her parents.

Our new Xmas stationery is now ready for your inspection.

Central Drug Store.

## GOOD THINGS TO EAT

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



H. PETERSEN--Grocer

The one big event of the day is the Christmas Dinner, so you want it to be as near perfect as possible. One of the first things to do then, is to come here to choose your Groceries.



# Toyland

Official Headquarters for Santa Claus

You are invited to our Grand Opening

Mother and Daddy, Grandma and Grandpa, Uncle and Auntie, and little Bobby and Mary will all find Gifts galore at our store. Come in to our Grand Opening. You will find that our stocks are complete and we're ready to help you find just the present that should go into Santa Claus' big pack!

You'll find at TOYLAND the finest and most appropriate Gifts. Many of them new novelties being shown for the first time, and many of them found only here. Come first to TOYLAND, for with our large assortments it will be easier to make selections quickly and because of the wide variety of Gifts, it will be easier to find the most suitable ones.

We Send Your Letters to Santa Claus

Santa Claus has arranged with us to take care of all letters addressed to him, if left at our store. We have made special arrangements to forward them quickly to his North Pole address. Just write your letter to Santa Claus, bring it to our store and put it in our special Santa Claus Letter Box.

## SORENSEN BROTHERS

The Home of Dependable Furniture.

Large size grape fruit, 10c each at the A. & P. store.

We now have a complete line of footwear for the whole family.

Olson's Shoe Store.

Mrs. Ollie McLeod and daughter Helen Elaine visited relatives in Cheboygan from Saturday until Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. James Olson and family of Oxford, Michigan.

Hans Neiderer, who has been employed in Saginaw for some time has arrived home and expects to remain in Grayling for the winter.

Mrs. Ella Smith left for Cass City Tuesday afternoon, where she will remain for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bricker and family.

Mrs. R. D. Bailey will leave Friday to spend the holidays in Vassar and Mt. Pleasant. Miss Janice Bailey will spend her vacation in Gaylord.

Fresh shipment of Whitman's and MacDiarmid's candies just in.

Central Drug Store.

Victor Salling who has been ill for some time was taken to Harper hospital, Detroit, Monday night, accompanied by Dr. C. R. Keyport and Mrs. Salling.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen and daughters Helen, Geraldine and Annabelle of East Tawas spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Heric.

Miss Cornelia Dutcher of Phillips, Wis., who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Fern Armstrong for the past two weeks left Monday for Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown will leave Saturday for Bay City where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff.

Frank Walker, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. A. S. Burrows for ten days left Tuesday for Cheboygan. Mr. Walker just completed a season's sailing on the lakes.

Emerson Brown, who is attending the State Normal College at Kalamazoo is expected to arrive home today to spend his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Mrs. Carl Jensen left Thursday of last week for Flint, accompanied by her mother Mrs. Almond Barber. Mrs. Barber will receive medical treatment from a physician in that city.

Mrs. Claud Gilson left yesterday for Sunfield, Mich., to spend Christmas with her parents, who reside there. Mr. Gilson expects to spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Gilson there.

Ross N. Martin previously connected with the State Forestry department in this city, spent Sunday and Monday in Grayling, enroute to Wolverine after an extended trip in the East.

Mrs. Fred McDonald of Bay City spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Havens and family. She also visited friends, the McDonalds having been former residents of Grayling.

Louis C. Myers of Roscommon, who has been a patient at Grayling Mercy Hospital, receiving treatment for the past six weeks, expects to return home this week. He is feeling greatly improved in health.

Miss A. Ingeborg Hanson, who is employed at the Hoover Steel Ball Works in Ann Arbor will arrive Saturday morning to spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. Hansine Hanson and family.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Mrs. Marius Hanson and daughter Lucille and Miss Grace Bauman drove to Saginaw Tuesday morning. They were accompanied as far as Gladwin by Mrs. C. A. Canfield.

The Methodist Sunday school has received two new libraries from the travelling library department of the State library containing 100 selected books for young people. The number of books being drawn shows a great interest in the library.

Edward Cooper, former resident of Grayling, is seriously ill at Mercy Hospital in Jackson. He is under the care of Dr. Stewart of Ann Arbor, a sugar diabetes specialist. Mrs. M. W. McLeod of Riverview was called to Jackson because of his illness.

Grapes, 2 pounds for 25c at The A. & P. store.

## Gifts for Old and Young

# From the Complete Stock of a Big Store

Store Open Evenings until Christmas

## Practical Suggestions for Gift Shoppers

### Ties for Men

Cut Silks, Silk and Wool and Knit Ties—

50c to \$2

### Beautiful Scarfs

Brushed Wool and Camel Hair—

\$1.75 to \$3.50

Comfy Slippers, for mother, dad and the kids.

### If it's Handkerchiefs

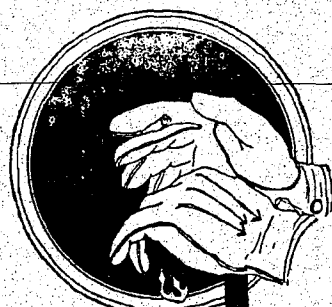
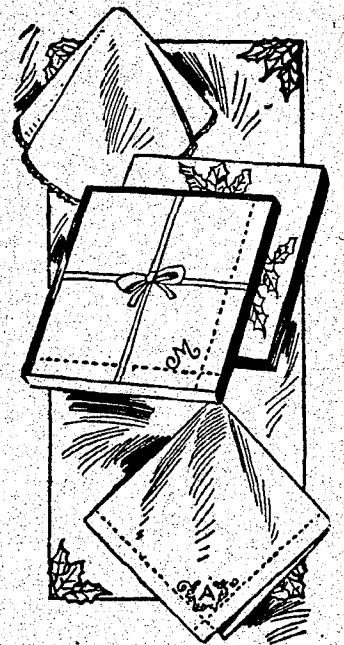
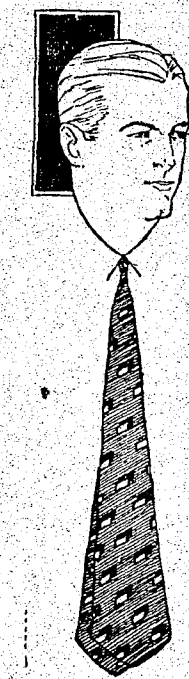
come here—an unlimited selection of Holiday Handkerchiefs for Ladies, men and children.

Ladies' Boxed Handkerchiefs . 50c to \$3.00

Children's . 25c, 35c, 50c

Men's . 50c to \$1.00

Others at . 5c to \$1.00



### Gloves

Kid, Suede and Brushed Wool—a dandy gift and always acceptable.

## A Merry Xmas to You

We take this opportunity for extending the season's compliments to you.

GRAYLING MERC. CO.

Fancy Tea Aprons, Bou-doir Caps, Towels, Pillow Cases, Sweaters, Infants' Caps, Bootees, Dresses and Coats, Ladies' Silk Underwear and Purses.

Men's Caps, Sweaters, Garter Sets, Gloves, Cuff Links, Shirts.

Balance of our dolls reduced for quick selling.

The 20% Off Sale on Men's Suits and Overcoats and Ladies' Coats and Dresses, and Children's Coats is still in effect. Don't miss this sale! The values are great.

## Grayling Mercantile Company

The Quality Store

Mrs. Clifford Crane is ill at her home.

Ivan Cameron is visiting relatives in Detroit.

Boys' and girls' sweaters, new stock, just received at the Gift Shop.

Dallas Cox left the latter part of the week for Detroit where he will be employed.

Mrs. O. W. Hanson returned from Detroit Friday of last week after a week's visit.

S. Cornell, State Factory Inspector of Grand Rapids is in Grayling on business this week.

The Harrison Cameron and S. D. Dunham families are quarantined with scarlet fever.

Mrs. William Bromwell tells us that she and her family saw a really good-looking robin Saturday morning of last week. The old boy was hopping around and seemed to be extremely happy and perfectly oblivious to the fact that winter is here.

C. M. Schwartz of the Schwartz Boiler Co., Bay City was in Grayling Monday installing the new boiler for the Grayling Dowel & Tie Plug Co. The boiler house is about completed and the boiler is set ready for brick work to be completed within the next ten days.

Mrs. M. A. Bates and daughter Mildred will leave Friday afternoon to be present at the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Holden Wadlington of Westfield, N. J., to Lieut. Russell Emerson Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates. Mrs. Bates will remain in the east for a week visiting her sister at Pennellville, N. Y.

Make a Xmas present of felt this year, table runners, pillows and small centers, at the Gift Shop.

Miss Mary L. Cooley arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas with her brother, B. A. Cooley and family.

Mrs. George Smith left Wednesday for Detroit to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Sparkes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ketzbeck of Detroit will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doroh.

Miss Vella Hermann, who is teaching at the Funk school will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. Hermann.

Many friends of Miss Bertha Woodburn, are receiving Xmas cards from her from the Mid-Pacific Institute, Honolulu, T. H.

Mrs. Hester Hanson, who is teaching school in Eldorado, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts will leave Saturday to spend Xmas with Mr. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sapp in Cheboygan.

Mrs. N. P. Jorgenson left Thursday of last week for Noble, Ill., after spending the summer with her daughter, Miss Carrie Jorgenson.

Elsie Erickson who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Adler Jorgenson and Mrs. James Sorenson left Thursday of last week for Grand Rapids.

Lipman Landsberg had a painful accident Thursday of last week when he broke his wrist while practicing basket ball in the school gymnasium.

Fire destroyed the blacksmith shop and implement sheds owned by George Sacha in Lewiston Monday night. The loss was covered by insurance.

The Woman's club met for a social evening at the home of Mrs. L. J. Kraus Monday. The regular charity work of the club was planned at this meeting.

The Crawford Cooperative Market Association has received its first car of dairy feed and is dispersing it among members of the association. Anyone who is a paid-up member of the County Farm Bureau automatically becomes a member of the association without any further payment. We understand that the Bureau sells feed only to members and that at cost.

AGENCY

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CHOCOLATES

THIS IS THE SIGN

that shows where to buy the most famous chocolates made in America.

It appears only on those selected stores that are agents for Whitman's, and get their supplies direct from the makers.

The best candies, the best service, at

CENTRAL DRUG STORE



## Michigan Happenings

The widening and deepening of the Saginaw river from the point where the Flint river outlet joins it back about 12 miles to the head waters, is being considered, according to County Drain Commissioner David A. Neel. If this project is carried through, as well as the Flint river cut off, one of the biggest steps toward solving the drainage problem of the Saginaw valley watershed will have been taken. Four other counties, besides Saginaw, would benefit by the improved drainage of the Saginaw river.

A copy of a petition filed by the Detroit, Toledo & Ironport railroad, with the interstate commerce commission, asking permission to construct a direct line from Waukegan, O., to Durban, Monroe county, Mich., has been received by the state public utilities commission. The proposed road would be about 43 miles long. It would connect with the present D. T. & I. road at Durban. As the road is laid out now, it was said, the D. T. & I. runs its trains up to a point near Adrian and then doubles back.

One or more graduates of universities in the British Isles will be admitted to the University of Michigan under the provisions of the Frances M. Riggs fellowship, the rules of which have been made public. Reginald Ivan Lowell, a graduate of the University of London, is now a student at Michigan under the foundation and the donor is interested in bringing to Michigan at once some woman graduate from an English university.

Avery C. Marks, of Greenville, who has rounded out a service of more than a third of a century with the postoffice, received a personal letter from Postmaster General New expressing the department's appreciation of his long and faithful record and extending wishes for future welfare and happiness. Marks entered the service March 15, 1883, and as a clerk. He will draw a retiring allowance for the rest of his life.

Free anti-toxin treatments have been given all pupils of the public and parochial schools in Alpena. Questionnaires were sent out to all parents to obtain their consent to the treatment in an effort to prevent any diphtheria epidemic. All of the pupils in the schools of Green Township and two in Oshtemo Township already have been given the treatment, the cost of which was borne by the townships.

L. H. Tanner, of Detroit, was elected president of the Michigan Furniture warehousemen's association at its first annual convention at Grand Rapids. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, A. H. Shank, Grand Rapids; Secretary-treasurer, E. F. Rasenan, Kalamazoo; directors, F. Stevens, Jr., Saginaw; G. A. Klotzle, Detroit; H. G. Bebe, Jackson, and H. H. Stevens, Flint.

Marshall's Board of Education decided to name the new park school building the "Isaac E. Cray" school. Cray was the first congressman from the state of Michigan. He was instrumental, with Rev. John D. Pierce, in planning the present school system in this state. Three of Marshall's ward schools now are named after educators, all of whom lived in Marshall.

Motor trucks flying on regular routes between fixed points are subject to the orders of the Michigan Public Utilities commission and may be required to pay something towards the maintenance of the roads over which they travel. That is the essence of an opinion handed down in the federal court in suit brought against the commission.

The 85 Michigan tubercular ex-soldiers who are now receiving treatment in hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin are to be sent with the least possible delay to the Roosevelt American Legion hospital at Battle Creek, and with their arrival at the institution they immediately will become entitled to the regular government compensation.

Cornelius Hulzenga of Grandville, for many years supervisor of Wyoming township has been selected by the Michigan welfare commission as successor to County Agent Paul Nelson, whose resignation is effective January 1.

Joseph Huber, 88 years old, Civil war veteran, a former resident of Monroe and father of Coroner George Huber, of Monroe, died at Gibsonburg, O., recently.

Superior Judge L. D. Verrier, Grand Rapids, a former state senator, has drafted a bill for submission at the next regular session of the state legislature which, if enacted, will eliminate delays in the prosecuting of respondents appealing from police court verdicts.

One of Michigan's oldest if not its oldest agricultural organization, the Michigan Beekeepers' Association held its fifty-fourth annual convention at Lansing, last week.

The University of Michigan has 1,066 seniors on its list for graduation during the present year, according to a summary made by Arthur G. Hall, registrar. These students will graduate in three groups in February, June and August. Last year 1,007 students were graduated.

Michael Budnick, 80 years old, was burned to death recently when fire destroyed the farm house of his son, John Budnick, near the village of Posen, about 20 miles from Alpena.

Stiff competition of buses and passenger automobiles destroyed the usefulness of the Chicago, Lake Shore & Kalamazoo railroad, popularly known as the Fruit Belt line, according to statements made by Kalamazoo officials following application of the road before the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington for a permit to discontinue operations. The fruit belt taps the rich territory of the Southwestern Michigan fruit belt and lake region and formerly carried a heavy passenger trade.

Two boats recently purchased for the state from the United States Shipping Board for the state-operated motor car ferry service across the Straits of Mackinac, between Mackinac City and St. Ignace, are being lengthened at the Great Lakes Engineering works, River Rouge, where they will be prepared for next season's service. They are the Colonel Pond and the Colonel Card. Both boats were built at Milwaukee during the war and were sold to the state for \$30,000.

Farmers and farm leaders in various parts of Michigan are celebrating their unprecedented achievements at the International Livestock Exposition, which closes its doors at Chicago, last week. This year's exposition, the twenty-fourth, was the greatest in history and competition was admittedly keen, yet the winners of Michigan exhibitors were greater and more numerous than ever before. Michigan made as especially strong showing in the hay and grain show.

A bill which is being drafted by Donald W. Sessions, assistant attorney-general designed to tighten the padlock law, will be submitted to the special session of the legislature. The law now provides that action shall be started with the application for an injunction. The proposed amendment would permit the action to be started on a bill of complaint which could be based upon information and belief. The injunction proceedings would follow.

As his mother, Mrs. Margaret Rettell, and an aunt, Miss Cecile Clancy, of Detroit, were preparing to go out on a shopping trip, one-year-old Harry Rettell was playing with articles contained in a small trunk in an adjoining room. The iron-trimmed lid of the trunk slammed itself shut, catching the baby in the neck and breaking it. Harry was dead when a physician arrived.

Capt. W. S. Banks, formerly of Grand Junction, last surviving officer of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, which served throughout the Civil War, died recently at the home of a relative in Elizabeth City, Va. He was 87 years old. Banks enlisted as a private at the outbreak of the war, but was rapidly promoted until he received a commission as captain.

It would be just as wise for the farmers to discourage the development of animal husbandry as to physical education teachers to discourage competitive athletics. Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics in the western conference, told the Michigan physical education council at its annual session at Ann Arbor.

Red Cross work in Lenawee county will be much restricted as the result of the recent Red Cross roll call, which netted the organization but \$1,000, instead of the \$10,000 necessary to carry on the work. The resignation of Miss Genevieve Robb and Helen Wolfe, public health nurses, have been accepted.

The Pere Marquette station at Novi was robbed last week, but the burglars obtained only \$7.62 in cash from the safe, which they opened with a jimmy. A. C. Atkinson, agent, says the station has been robbed on an average of six times a year during the 20 years he has been in charge.

Bishop Michael J. Gallagher, Detroit, officiated at the formal reopening services of St. Stephen's Catholic church at Port Huron recently. The church has been recently renovated and the services were among the most notable in the history of the church.

The Ann Arbor Railroad have received and put into service five new locomotives of the Mikado type from the American Locomotive Works at Yonkers, N. Y. The engines will haul 2,200 tons each. The first cost \$275,000.

The Michigan Electric Railway company, filed deed at Marshall recently showing purchase of property of the Michigan Railway company, at a receiver's sale, for \$5,000,000.

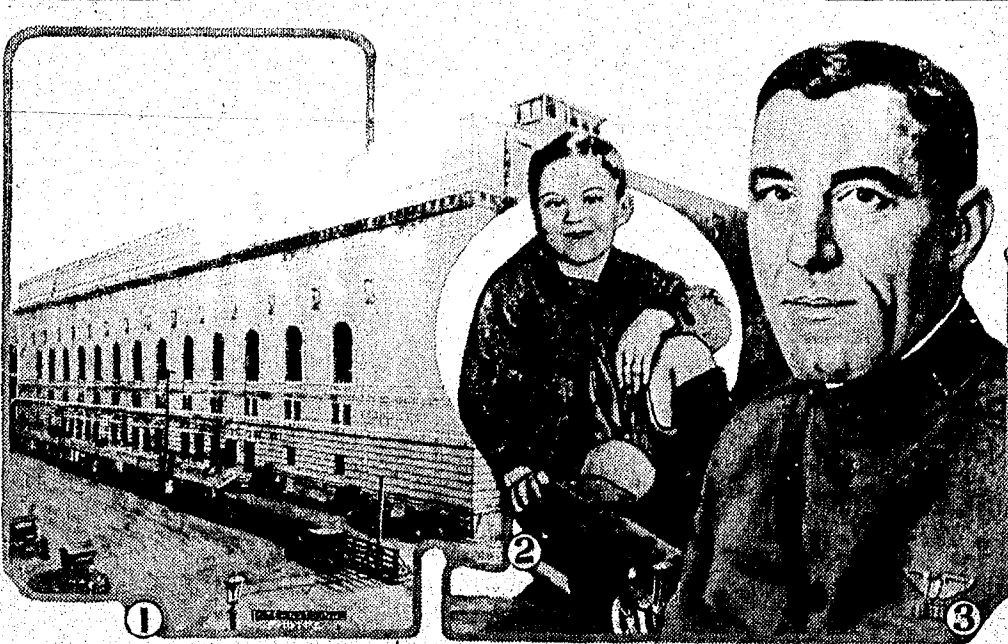
Forty years on one job without a vacation is the record of Gert Anderson, 70 years old, of Muskegon. It appears likely that he will continue to work for several years.

The sale of the old Marine hospital in Detroit as proposed in a joint bill presented by Representatives Clancy and McLeod, of Michigan, has the approval of Dr. Hugh S. Cummins, surgeon general of the United States public health service, it was learned recently.

Mrs. Mary P. Frankhauser, of Hillsdale, widow of the late Rev. William H. Frankhauser, has been elected as state librarian, succeeding Mrs. Mary E. Spencer, who died recently.

The Rev. Herbert L. Parrott, of Springfield, Ill., has accepted a call as pastor of the Congregational Presbyterian Church of Ludington. Those congregations have united for a year's trial.

While temporarily deranged it is claimed, Clifford Kirby, 35 years old, a farmer living on the John Math farm, three miles northwest of the village of Newport, ended his life by shooting off the top of his head with a shotgun recently.



1—Exterior of Cleveland public hall in which the Republican national convention of 1924 will be held. 2—George L. Wade, Jr., Kansas City lad, who inherits the \$10,000,000 estate of his adopted father, George L. Wade, who was killed on a motor speedway. 3—Maj. F. L. Martin, who will command the four army airplanes that will start on a flight around the world April 1.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Coolidge's Candidacy Announced and Cleveland Gets the G. O. P. Convention.

### U. S. MEN IN GERMAN PARLEY

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

THE Republican political pot was boiling merrily last week. To begin with, President Coolidge's hat was cast into the ring by this statement issued by Frank W. Stearns, the wealthy Bostonian, who for years has been interested in Mr. Coolidge's political advancement:

"In answer to a question, Frank W. Stearns said that the friends of President Coolidge are organizing under the guidance of William M. Butler, the Massachusetts member of the national committee and a friend of Mr. Coolidge of many years' standing, who will act as the President's personal representative. As he perfects the organization he will from time to time make known those in various parts of the country who will co-operate with him in the organization."

Two days later United States Senator W. B. McKinley was selected to handle the Coolidge campaign in Illinois, which is considered a pivotal state. National Committeeman W. H. Crocker, of California, after a talk with the President, announced that Mr. Coolidge's name would be on the primary ballots in that state and that his canvass was already being organized.

Meanwhile the administration had let it be known that it believed the Republican national convention should not be given to Chicago and that it favored Cleveland. Ostensibly, the objection to Chicago was that it had had the conventions for a good many years and Mr. Coolidge thought the honor should be passed around. Actually, according to the well-posted, the Coolidge managers feared the Johnson sentiment in Illinois would be so strong that the convention hall would be packed with supporters of the Californian. Anyhow, the President's preference settled the contest and when the Republican national committee met, Fred Upham withdrew Chicago's bid and that of Cleveland was accepted. The date selected for the opening of the convention is June 10. The committee then proceeded to rescind the previously approved reform of convention representation whereby the delegations of the southern states were cut down to correspond to their votes. Now, instead of losing 23 delegates, the South will have 18 more than in 1920. The friends of Senator Johnson on the committee hotly opposed this, asserting that it was the result of a series of deals between the Coolidge supporters and the negro Republican forces of the South. This was denied by the administration and they backed up their denial by increasing the representation outside the South by 107 votes, these being given mainly to states which Johnson is said to claim as his own. Most of the northern states get three more delegates, Massachusetts gains four, and Tennessee, which went Republican for the first time in 1920, gains seven. In the convention of 1924 there will be a total of 1,169 delegates; that of 1920 had 984.

RADICAL Republican senators and the two Farmer-Laborites from Minnesota combined with the Democrats to prevent the election of Senator Cummins as chairman of the interstate commerce committee and the deadlock continued throughout the week. The fight on Cummins is due to the fact that he already is presiding officer of the senate. The insurgents voted most of the time for La Follette and the Democrats voted for Smith of South Carolina. On Wednesday Smith lacked but one vote because some of the insurgents shifted to him, but Senator Bruce of Maryland, Democrat, prevented the coup by casting his vote for Cummins, justifying his action by asserting it was time for the

Democrats to quit playing into the hands of the La Follette-Magnus Johnson-Brookhart radicals. Aside from the interstate commerce committee, the entire slate of committee assignments was approved. Magnus Johnson was given the place on the foreign relations committee which he coveted. In the house the Republican committee of committees gave the radicals only such representation as they were entitled to by seniority. The Democratic representation was increased in proportion to their increased strength in the house.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE submitted to congress the budget for the next fiscal year, proposing a tax reduction of more than \$300,000,000 and a cut of about \$275,000,000 in the cost of government. He recommended a revision of the tax laws along the lines suggested by Secretary Mellon. He also took another rap at the proposed bonus, asserting that there is no sound reason for it and that compensation should be limited to the war-incapacitated and wounded.

An additional \$1,600,000 for prohibition enforcement is asked of congress. President Coolidge stating that a considerably enlarged field force should be provided. He added that he would present to congress soon a supplemental estimate of \$20,000,000 mainly for additional vessels for the coast guard, "for the purpose of combating more thoroughly rum running and unlawful importations." If this appropriation is granted the President said he would ask for an additional \$8,000,000 later for a similar purpose.

MORE than 2,000 nominations were sent to the senate by the President, many of the nominees already holding office under recess appointments. Among the appointments were: Frank B. Kellogg to be ambassador to Great Britain; Richard M. Tobin of California to be minister to the Netherlands; Frank McManamy of Washington, D. C., and Mark W. Potter of New York, to be members of the interstate commerce commission; George R. James of Tennessee and Edward H. Cunningham of Iowa, to be members of the federal reserve board; and Edward P. Farley of Illinois, Frederick I. Thompson of Alabama, and Bert E. Haney of Oregon to be members of the shipping board.

The nomination of Walter L. Cohen, negro, to be collector of customs at New Orleans was made despite the protest of the two Louisiana senators. Senator Shipstead of Minnesota and eight others voted against the confirmation of Mr. Kellogg's appointment to the Court of St. James, but the vote in his favor was 75.

PREMIER POINCARÉ, probably because of the prospect of a Labor government for Great Britain, is relaxing his opposition to unrestricted inquiry into the German reparations question, and as a result the United States is to participate, unofficially, in such an investigation, to be made by two committees selected by the reparations commission. The allied governments, and Germany requested this, and President Coolidge announced that he approved of participation by American experts. One of the committees is to examine the German capital abroad, and the other is to endeavor to find means of balancing the German budget and of stabilizing German currency. The American experts, presumably will be approved if not chosen by the President. Among the names most prominently mentioned are Gen. Charles G. Dawes, Mortimer L. Schiff and George M. Reynolds—all eminent bankers. In Paris it is hoped General Dawes will be asked to serve because of his experience in handling budgetary problems.

Meanwhile the German government announces that it is dead broke, and it has decided to make a world-wide appeal for financial aid sufficient to carry it through the next year. The German banks and industrialists refuse the government further financial help and taxes are not coming in. Minister of Finance Luther told a conference of German editors that the government could not possibly meet the \$7,000,000,000 dollar mark (\$21,750,000,000) bonds outstanding, and that the cabinet is preparing a law whereby all these old debts, including the war loan, would

be paid in paper. Under the provisions of this law the government will repay more than \$20,000,000,000 war loan and other debts for less than 3 cents on the dollar.

UNLESS another coalition government can be arranged, Great Britain may find it necessary to hold another parliamentary election in the near future. In the new parliament, which meets January 8, neither of the three parties will have a majority. After Prime Minister Baldwin had talked with King George and the party leaders had held many conferences, it was announced that the Baldwin cabinet would continue until parliament had assembled. About the same time the Labor party chiefs announced that they would undertake to form a government if called upon, with Ramsay MacDonald at the head. The prospect is that soon after parliament meets MacDonald will propose an amended address to the throne and that this will be of such a nature that the liberals cannot refuse to support it. This would mean the overwhelming defeat of the government and the immediate resignation of the Baldwin cabinet, followed by the summoning of MacDonald to form a new ministry. But this, too, would be a minority government and could be ousted at any time by a combination of the conservatives and liberals.

CENSORSHIP of the news from Mexico makes it difficult to learn just how the revolt against President Obregon's government is progressing. If the information given out by the rebels is correct, it is doing very well. Indeed, it may be that Obregon will have been overthrown before this reaches the reader. Revolutionary armies from various quarters were moving on Mexico City last week, and it was said De la Huerta had announced that he was in control of the country and had begun appointing his cabinet. However, the latest dispatches at the time this is written say Obregon has checked the rebel advance from the west. Gen. Angel Flores dealt the rebellion a blow by renouncing his candidacy for the presidency and casting in his lot with Obregon, for he is believed to have the support of Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Tamaulipas and the federal district. An uprising of the Yaqui Indians probably was squelched by the execution of their chieftain.

AMONG those taken by death last week three are worthy of mention in this column. Two were Americans—William A. Pinkerton, head of the detective agency that bears his name and hero of many exciting stories of criminal life; and John R. Rathorn, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Journal, an eminent newspaper man who, during the first part of the World war, obtained numerous "scoops" concerning the activities of Germans in the United States. The third was Baron Sloughnessy, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railroad, who is properly regarded as one of the builders of modern Canada.

ONE of the worst wrecks in the history of the New York Central lines occurred at Forsythe, N. Y., when one section of the Twentieth Century train ran into another section which had stopped after hitting an automobile. Nine persons were killed in their berths and about forty were injured. Darkness, fog and an engineer's neglect of warning signals were blamed for the disaster.

BENITO MUSSOLINI, premier of Italy, believes he and his Fascist government have proved so acceptable to the country that it is no longer necessary for him to exercise dictatorial powers. Therefore, at his request, the king has closed the present session of parliament and new elections will be held, probably in April, at which Mussolini will ask Italy to approve his acts by returning him to power as premier. There is no sign of organized opposition to him.

ERNEST CHAUD of Lausanne was elected president of the Swiss confederation for 1924. The Swiss parliament, which chooses the president, gave him 159 of the 219 votes. The new vice-president is Jean Musy of Fribourg.

The dumps have been smoldering for over 62 days, and while the fire does not endanger life or property, it has spread a heavy pall of smoke above neighboring territory and has scattered volumes of cinders and soot and uncountable rats.

Indignation is professed in Secaucus over the alleged negligence of local officials in permitting the fire to burn so long that rats were driven from the refuse deposits to new habitats in residents' homes. So numerous have they been in the last two weeks that scores are killed daily on the highways by cars, wagons and automobiles.

In North Bergen real estate men are particularly apprehensive lest the inroad of rodents and the lack of some modern reincarnation of Hamelin's Pied Piper to coax them away will leave the town in such condition that property seekers and home builders will be reluctant to buy. They are said to be behind a movement designed to compel the authorities to take steps to kill or drive out the rats.

## MARKET REPORT

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**Fruits and Vegetables**  
Northern round white potatoes, Chicago \$1.60; 50 sacks for 100-lb. bulk stock \$1.20@1.40. New York round whites, \$1.60@1.65 sacked and bulk in Eastern markets \$1.20@1.25 f. o. b. Cabbage, Danish type \$21@23, bulk per ton in Chicago, \$25@28 Eastern markets, \$19 @22 f. o. b. Florida Valses \$2 per 1-2 bu. hamper in New York. Onions, yellow varieties mostly \$2.50@3 sacked per 100 lbs. consuming centers. New York Baldwins \$4 per barrel in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Eastern York Imperials \$3.50@4.75 leading Eastern markets. Midwestern Jonathans \$5@5.50 Chicago. Florida lettuce big Boston type \$1.25@1.75 per 1-2 bu. hamper city markets.

**Live Stock and Meats**  
Chicago hog prices: \$7 for the top and \$6.50 for the bulk. Medium to good head steers, \$7.50@11.50; butcher cows and heifers, \$3.25@11.50; feeder steers, \$4@8; light and medium weight, veal calves, \$8@10; fat lambs, \$10.75@12; feeding lambs, \$11@12.50; yearlings, \$8.25 @11 and fat ewes, \$4.50@7.50. December 13 prices good quality meat: Best, \$15.00; veal, \$15@18; lamb, \$22@25; mutton, \$14@17; light pork loins, \$14@17; heavy loins, \$12@14.50.

**Grain**  
Quoted December 13: No. 1 dark northern spring Minneapolis \$1.13-1.14@1.14-1.4; No. 2 hard winter, Chicago \$1.09-1.10; Kansas City \$1.05@1.10; No. 2 red winter, St. Louis \$1.12@1.15; No. 1 yellow corn, Chicago \$1.14-1.15; No. 2 yellow \$1.13 @1.14; St. Louis \$1.10-1.11; No. 3 white oats Chicago \$1.33-1.34@1.42; St. Louis \$1.40; Minneapolis \$1.40.

**Hay**  
December 13: No. 1 timothy New York \$2.50; Pittsburgh \$2.50; Memphis \$2.75; Cincinnati \$2.50; Chicago \$2.75; St. Louis \$1.25; St. Louis \$2.50; No. 1 alfalfa, Memphis \$3; Chicago \$2.50; Kansas City \$2.50; No. 1 prairie Chicago \$2.00; Kansas City \$1.50; St. Louis \$1.50.

**Dairy Products**  
Wholesale prices of 92 cents: New York \$1.40; Philadelphia \$1.41-1.42; Chicago \$1.39; Boston \$1.38. Wholesale prices at Wisconsin primary markets December 12: State dairies: Danes \$20.10; feds \$19.50; dairies \$21.40; Americas \$23.40; longhorns \$23.12; square prints \$23.40.

**DETROIT QUOTATIONS**  
CATTLE—Good to choice yearlings, \$9.50@10; best heavy steers, \$8.50@9; best halfweight butchers, \$8.50@9.25; Mixed steers and heifers, \$5.50@8; light butchers, \$4.50@5.25; light butchers, \$5.50@6.25; best cows, \$4.75@5.50; cullers, \$3.50@4.50; camera, \$2@2.50; choice light bulls, \$4.50 @5; bologna bulls, \$3.50@4.50; cullers, \$2@2.50; feeders, \$4.50@5; stockers, \$4.50@5.50; milkers and springers, \$4.50@5.50. Best calves, \$12; fair to good, \$10@11.50; culls and common, \$3@6.50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**—Best lambs, \$12.75@13; fair lambs, \$11@12; light to common lambs, \$7@10; fair to good sheep \$6@8; culls and common, \$3@5.50. HOGS—Mixed hogs, \$8.50; roughs, \$6; yorkers, \$8.50; pigs, \$6.25; heavies, \$4.50; stage \$4.50.

**LIVE POULTRY**—Fancy colored spring chickens, 4 lbs up, 20c; medium spring, 15c; leghorn spring, 15c@16c; 12 wks. up, 22c; medium hens, 20c@21c; leghorns, \$1.14; roasters, 12@14c; geese, 18@20c; ducks, 12@14c; up, 12@14c; 12 wks. up, 15c; 15c; young turkeys, 8 lbs up, 30c; old turkeys, 25c per lb.

**Butter and Eggs**  
BUTTER—Best creamery, in tubs, 45-1.24@1.26 per lb. EGGS—Fresh, current receipts, 43¢ @45¢; storage, 26¢@28¢ per doz.

**Farm Produce**  
APPLES—Greening, \$1.50@1.75; Baldwin, \$1.40@1.50; Spy, \$1.75@2; King, \$1.75 @2; Red Delicious, \$2.50; Golden Delicious, \$2.50. CHANBERLAIN—Early black, \$1.25@1.50 per box; late Howe, \$2.50@3 per box. PEAS—Winter varieties, \$1.75@2.25 per bushel.

**HONEY**—Comb, 24@25¢ per lb. CABBAGE—Home raised, 10¢@15¢ per bu. MUSHROOMS—40¢@50¢ per bu. DRESSED HOGS—Small, 9¢@10¢; heavy 7¢@8¢.

**POTATOES**—Michigan, \$1.00@1.50 per 100-lb sack. DRESSED CALVES—Best country dressed, 14¢@15¢ per lb.; ordinary grades, 11¢@12¢; city dressed, 15¢@16¢ per lb. CABBAGE—Home raised, 10¢@15¢ per bu. 10-lb basket, iceberg, \$4.50@5 per case.

**NUTS**—Italian chestnuts, 13¢@15¢ per lb.; buttered walnuts, 30¢@35¢; California paper shell almonds, 25¢@30¢; Tergona almonds, 18¢@20¢; No. 1 Brazil nuts, 15¢@16¢; medium Brazil nuts, 15¢@16¢; Sicily almonds, 16¢@18¢ per lb. CABBAGE—Michigan, \$3.25@3.50 per 100-lb sack; Spanish, \$2.75@3 per case.

**TOMATOES**—Hotatoes, \$2.75@3 per 10 lb basket; packed 4-baskets, \$15.50 @16. SWEET POTATOES—Delaware, \$2.75 @3; Idaho, \$2.75@3.30 per case; Idaho, \$2.75@3.30 per case. CABBAGE—Kalamazoo, 25¢@35¢ per doz; Jumbo, 40¢@45¢; extra Jumbo, 65¢@75¢ per doz; Mammoth, 80¢@90¢ per doz.

**Vegetables**  
CABBAGE—\$1.40@1.50 per bu; beets, 14¢ @15¢ per doz; Florida green peppers, 1.25 per bu; turnips, 1¢@1.25 per bu; hot-house radishes, 25¢@27¢ bunch; parsley, 15¢ per case; basil, 10¢@12¢; fennel, 1.50; wax and green beans, 14¢@15¢ per hamper; shallots, 17¢@18¢ per bu; cauliflower, \$2.50@2.75 per case; Florida eggplant, \$5.50@6 per case; cucumbers, hot-house, 17¢@20¢ per doz for fancy; 22¢ @25¢ for extra fancy; rutabagas, \$1.50 per cwt; parsnips, \$1.50@1.50 per bu.

**Grain**  
WHEAT—Cash No. 1 red, \$1.11-1.12; No. 2 red, \$1.10-1.12; No. 3 red, \$1.07-1.12; No. 1 white, \$1.11-1.12; No. 2 mixed, \$1.10-1.12; No. 3 mixed, \$1.07-1.12. YELLOW CORN—Cash No. 3, 80¢; No. 4, 75¢; No. 5, 70¢; No. 6, 65¢. WHITE OATS—Cash No. 2, 50¢@51¢; No. 3, 48¢@49¢.

**BEANS**—Michigan choice hand picked, prompt shipment, \$4.80@4.90 per cwt. BUCKWHEAT—New milling grade, \$2 per cwt. SEEDS—Prime red clover, \$12.95; March, \$13.10; alsike, \$9.45; timothy, \$13.75.

**HAY**—No. 1 timothy, \$23.50@24; standard and light mixed, \$22.50@23; No. 2 timothy, \$21.50@22; No. 3 clover mixed, \$21@22; No. 1 clover, \$21@22; wheat and oat straw, \$11.50@12; rye straw, \$12.50 @13 per ton in carlots.

**STRAW**—Standard middlings, 32¢; fine middlings, 34¢; cracked corn, 37¢; coarse cornmeal, 43¢; chop, 43¢ per ton in carlots.

**FLOUR**—Fancy spring wheat patents, 77¢; extra winter wheat patents, 77¢; standard winter wheat patents, 77¢; standard winter wheat patents, 77¢; winter wheat straight, 55¢ per bbl.

**East Buffalo Live Stock**  
EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Sows, Hogs: Steady; heavy and vorters, \$7.75@10; pigs, \$6.50@7.50. Sheep: Lower, top lambs, \$12.50@13.50; yearlings, \$10.50@11; weathers, \$9@9.50; ewes, \$8.50@9.50. Calves, \$12.50.

**Everybody Works Hard in Village**  
Albany, N. Y.—"Everybody works but father"—father works, too in Mayfield, which is one of the glove villages of Fulton County, on the edge of the glove center. Mayfield has a population of about 600 persons, a postoffice and no bank. Of the 600 persons, 250 work in six glove shops. Those six glove shops turn out more than \$1,500,000 in finished products each year. This against all the formula. The proportion is all wrong. But Mayfield is doing it.

**Women Prize Their Rights**  
Washington—One of the conspicuous signs of woman's tendency to use her newly gained rights in the United States is indicated by the commissioner of naturalization, who reported there were 22,209 declarations of citizenship intentions filed during the last fiscal year by women under the Cable act, which accords separate citizenship rights to them. The law, providing naturalization and citizenship for married women has resulted in classes all over the country.

## The American Legion

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### JUST WHERE LEGION STANDS

Influence of Organization Not on Decline, Asserts Douglas County (Neb.) Legionnaire.

The influence of the American Legion is on the wane, avers a correspondent of a western newspaper, discussing the decline in membership of this organization since the peak years of 1920 and 1921.

"Following the war, the Legion was recognized as a powerful force, particularly in politics, national, state and community," points out the correspondent. "Today, the Legion is no more discussed much."

It is his humble opinion that one or two things is the matter with this correspondent, says the Douglas county (Neb.) Legionnaire. Either he is not well informed on the status of the American Legion with the "home folks," or else he is using his "hammer" with the apparent intent to belittle America's largest and strongest organization of veterans.

The American Legion is not to be measured by mere numbers. The spirit of service, the spirit of self-sacrifice for their needy buddies, the spirit of loyalty to their country and its institutions—these are a few of the things by which the Legion should be measured.

The accomplishments of the Legion in the field of service are a refutation of the charge that the Legion's influence is waning. For without the support of America, without the confidence and co-operation of its citizens, the Legion would be unable to carry on its program of service—a program which has been so successful and so unselfish that the organization commands the respect and admiration of every right-minded person in the land.

America looks to the American Legion as the organization which speaks for the 4,000,000 brave men and women who fought the nation's battles in the greatest war of all time. Either by active or passive consent practically all of the service men and women of America recognize the aims of the Legion, its principles and its program as their own.

When the American Legion speaks, it is the voice of America's war veterans.

So long as the Legion maintains its present high ideals, its present lofty conception of the organization's duty to its country and to its buddies, the voice of the Legion will be heard. Membership in the organization offers little to the individual, but the right to help shoulder a burden, the right to help carry a buddy's pack, that buddy, who, because of the war, is unable to meet the economic conditions of the day.

No luxurious club rooms, no benefits of any sort are offered to the men and women who unselfishly join hands through the American Legion to perpetuate the fellowships of the battlefield, the camp and the training ship. Yet it is our humble opinion that the Legion, whenever it makes up its mind that it wants to, can go out and increase its membership nationally to the million mark.



# A Merry Christmas To All

## HIMSELF



### "For Christ the Lord is Born!"

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

Star of Bethlehem Outshone All at Conference of the Heavenly Bodies

It was Christmas Eve, and the stars were holding a conference. They could not leave their places in the sky, because it was against the law of night, so they managed to talk by ray-dial. That is, each star sent a ray toward a certain spot, where all the other rays were shining, and this made the conference!

"Star talk!" Words of light! It was a very bright and busy time. The largest stars did the most talking; they had a good deal to say about the way they shone when the moon was away. "We are not only beautiful to look at," they declared, "but we help folks to get about on dark nights. The earth folks like to look at us, and wonder about us. We are very important!" If stars could swell with pride, these stars would have burst. When they had talked very hard for about an hour, a small, slender shaft of light twinkled into their midst.

"Who are you?" came a chorus of shining voices.

"I am the Star of Bethlehem," was the answer.

The other stars had never heard of her. They were inclined to hush her up. But there was something so

### UNDER THE OUTSIDE

GRASS keeps green under the snow. Delicate blossoms hide away in ugly seeds. Who can believe the twisted apple-tree will be lost in a surf of pink petals in the spring? There must be many a warm and true heart cased in a frosty exterior.

If we believed more in the covered, and less in the covering, we should make Christmas a day truly bright with peace and good will.—Martha B. Thomas.

sweet, so penetrating, so beautiful in her light that they were constrained to give heed.

"What is your history?" then demanded the largest and oldest star.

The Star of Bethlehem quivered with a clear radiance which seemed to have all the colors of the rainbow.

"An angel with a torch came and lighted me the very first Christmas Eve. I shone with a special luster and guided many people to the manger in Bethlehem, where the Christ Child lay with his Mother Mary. Shepherds saw me while they were watching their sheep on the hillside. And other angels of blinding beauty sang near me. They played on golden harps. The sky shone with a heavenly glory. There has never been a night so wonderful."

The other stars listened with awe. Before this sweet, compelling light they felt silent and humble.

Then, for an instant, there came an incomparable brilliance. The Star of Bethlehem blazed in indescribable beauty. And faint and far came the music of hurps and singing.

"For Christ the Lord is born!"

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AUNT MEHTABLE'S PRESENT

Aunt Mehtable had a powerful and active imagination that often kept her awake. She was ever creating difficulties by imagining them, and making things crooked by trying to straighten them out. "Hiram," said she, "I can't think what has got into George; I didn't like the way he looked at us this morning."

"Probably he was thinking of somebody else," answered her brother. "George," began his aunt the next day, "what was the matter with you yesterday morning, you looked sourer 'n pickles."

"Nothin' was the matter with me," said the boy. "I was puzzlin' over your Christmas present." Then he added, "Since you're so mighty suspicious, I guess I'll give it up." But remembering her goodness of heart, George relented, and when the day shines away all unpleasantness came round, Aunt Mehtable had a new nightcap! —C. G. Hazard.

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### Just a Picture of His Mother

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

Likeness of the Dearest Woman in the World, a Christmas Gift to a Lonesome Son

IT WAS the first year he had ever been away from home and he was a full-grown man. Other years he had been near enough to go back home for Christmas, but now his work had sent him across the continent and he couldn't possibly manage the trip.

He had some excellent new friends and he was going to have Christmas dinner with them. And the family from home had sent a beautiful Christmas box—every member of the family had sent a present.

It had been tied with holly and red ribbon and he had opened it Christmas Eve.

But now it was Christmas morning and he was just a little bit homesick. Yes, just a little bit—perhaps it was more than a little bit!

And then came the postman's ring. He had received all his presents, cards, too, from his friends at home who would not send presents, but who had remembered him.

Yes, he had been very fortunate. The homesickness he felt was only natural. And then he opened the small package which the postman's ring had brought to him.

It was a photograph of his mother, and it arrived on Christmas day.

And under it was a little note, just a few words of love and devotion and a Christmas greeting.

He felt better already! For even though there must at times be separations, he had so wonderful a home and mother that even though they were apart actually their thoughts and spirits were as close together as though they were not separated.

It was an excellent photograph of his mother, too. What a perfect Christmas morning gift!

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POOR THING

Plum Pudding—Alas for the good old days of brandy sauce!

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### That Day Long Ago

By F. H. SWEET

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Solemnly, gleefully, church bells are ringing  
As a message across the white snow,  
Sweetly, lovingly, as we are bringing  
Things that first were brought to us ago  
Things that make men's hearts  
Soft and glad  
As on that Christmas day  
Ages ago.

Joyfully, tenderly, church bells are chiming  
As we bring greetings across the deep snow,  
Bringing fresh hope to the hearts that are  
clinging  
Upward in search of that feeling of glow,  
Such as the shepherds felt  
Ages ago,  
When they were called by the  
Star's tender glow.

### What Christmas Brought to Him

By LAURA ELAINE CAMERON

Back to His Old Job, the Present of Walter Manners Needed Most

His Cup Was Full to Overflowing With Yuletide Joy

AS WALTER MANNERS stumbled out of Clarkson's store he felt that Christmas was indeed going to be a dreary time for him and his family. His hands were clenched tightly as he came out into the glare of winter sunshine, and his face showed a dull red—the hue which creeps over a man's face when insult or humiliation has come to him.

For twenty years of service to old Clarkson, twenty years wherein he had given the best that was in him to a man who was reputed to be the most ill-tempered man in all Washburn—he had just been told that from now on his services would be dispensed with, and all because of a small mistake that had been made, which Clarkson in the blind rage which had taken hold of him, had laid on the shoulders of Manners.

It was hard, he told himself as he walked along, that a man who had given the best of his life in service could be cast away like an old glove. It must be that he was not as competent as other men, he told himself. For the hurt of dismissal had sunk its iron deeper into Walter Manners' soul than it would have done in the case of another man, for always he had been possessed of the feeling that he was not quite as capable as other men. Something within him always tried to belittle him to himself, and although he had often fought with this feeling and had tried to assure himself that he did as good or even better work than some, in spite of himself it came every now and then to torture him. Now, in the face of his recent dismissal, it came with added force, and he told himself over and over again that he was a failure or else old Clarkson would not have let him out. He never stopped to think that perhaps it was the long association with a man of Clarkson's type that had made him so diffident about his own worth.

He dreaded the thought of going home and telling his family the bad news. He reproached himself that he had not broken away from old Clarkson ten years before when he had an offer from young Peters, who had just then come to Washburn, and who had since made such a success. But then, as always, the fear of himself kept him from accepting and he had stayed on and borne the ill-temper of old man Clarkson since. His forty-five years hung heavily upon him as he

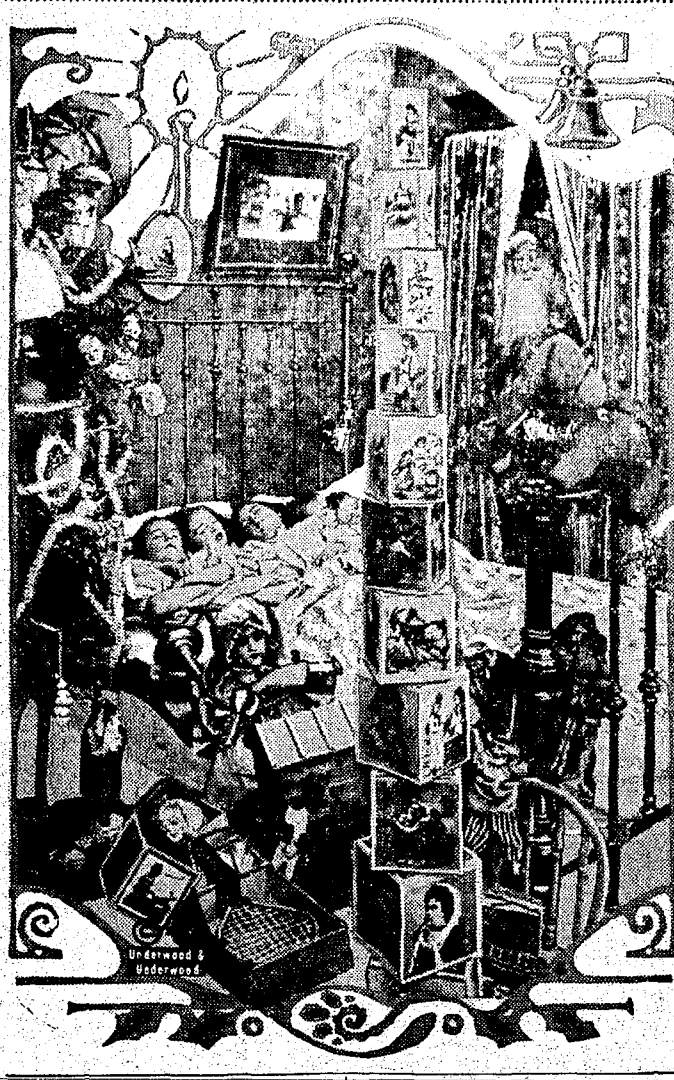
went on and he looked with dread to the future, for his family was just at the age when a steady income was an absolute necessity.

He shuddered now as he thought of Christmas, when only a few hours ago he had been living in tappy anticipation of the day. He had planned so many things; so many little surprises that would bring joy to his loved ones; but now that was all over, for how could he enter into the spirit of Christmas, weighed down with care and dread of the future as he was now?

Walter Manners had always been a man who set a great stress upon duty, and as he went along now the thought came to him that a real duty to his family lay before him. For he felt that he would be inflicting a great wrong upon them were he to go to them now with the story of his failure and to spoil their Christmas. What of his own feelings—surely he could be man enough to bide them for a few days for the sake of those he loved! After Christmas there would be time enough to tell them the dread news—to let them know what a miserable failure he was.

He decided then that he would not go home until his usual homecoming hour, lest it might create suspicion, so to kill time he wandered aimlessly around town. He stopped to gaze in Peters' window as he passed. He

### When Dreams Come True



admitted to himself that there was a vast difference between the appearance of this store and Clarkson's. Here everything was up-to-date and attractive; the window arrangement such as might make anyone pause to look. Once he had broached this

subject to old Clarkson, but had been met by such an outburst of wrath that he had never dared to open the subject again.

So engrossed was he with his thoughts that he never noticed that Claude Peters was standing inside the window and gazing straight at him. He flushed a dull red again as he thought came to him that surely Peters would suspect something to see him wandering aimlessly around at what was usually the busiest time of the day at Clarkson's. But he nodded as pleasantly as he could to Peters and walked on.

Somehow he got through the evening without his family suspecting that there was anything amiss. He joined in the general gaiety and helped with the decorations and various other little jobs, but all the while the heart within him was sick with misery. But he knew that the burden was his to bear alone, and the thought that he was saving his family from the truth for a few days gave him a little feeling of comfort.

At ten o'clock, after the smallest of the children had been put to bed and the Christmas tree had received all its trimmings, the door bell rang with a loud peal. "Walter Manners opened it, thinking it was a neighbor or possibly a Christmas gift of some kind, but instead the tall figure of Peters stood in the doorway."

In a few minutes he told what he wanted—seeing Manners standing outside his store that afternoon and suspecting from his attitude that something was wrong, he had made inquiries and found he had left Clarkson's. Whereupon he had come to ask him if he would consider a position with him, and when he named the salary Walter Manners gasped, as it was nearly twice the figure he had been getting. And when, because of his high sense of duty that was

his, he told Peters that Clarkson had let him out, Peters only laughed aloud and said: "As if that would make any difference. The wonder to all in Washburn has been how you could have stood him so long."

After that it did not take Walter Manners long to give consent to the offer, and his cup of joy seemed full as he bid good-night and good wishes to Peters at the door.

But it was full to overflowing a few minutes later when old Clarkson came puffing to the door and told him he could have his old job back again, with a small increase in salary. For although he never wanted to see Clarkson's store again, yet the feeling that he was wanted back in the old place, added to the offer which he had just accepted, gave him the confidence in himself which he had always been lacking, and that Christmas Walter Manners really came into his own, he had gotten the gift which he needed most of all.

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### Yes, Santa Was Here



### There Is Satisfaction in Trust in the Future

HE was shabby and old and stooped. As she walked along the streets people turned and looked after her with pitying eyes and thought to themselves what a hard lot hers must be. Yet, had they but known the truth she needed no pity, for although poor in other things than many of those who looked upon her with compassion, for her heart was full of contentment, she had a childlike faith and trust in the future and she was content with her lot in life, realizing that while she lacked many of the things which wealth could buy, God had given her many other gifts instead: The fullness of years, good health, a little fireside to call her own, an income

which if very meager, was enough to supply her with necessities, and, best of all, the ability to see and enjoy the things which were hers. So, while the merry Christmas throng looked at her pityingly as they passed, she went serenely on her way as happy and as much at peace with everything as if all the earth was hers.—Katherine Edelman.

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### IT WILL BE EVER THUS

Football rules were changed several years ago to eliminate the dangerous mass formation but no one has set out to reform the late Christmas shopping scrum.

## Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

### BOYHOOD OF SANTA CLAUS

The snow was falling steadily, covering the earth with a beautiful white blanket. The trees and the bushes lifted their branches and said to the Snow Flakes:

"Do rest on us if you're weary! You'll all be very welcome."

So the Snow Flakes accepted the invitations of the trees and of the bushes.

Soon evening came and over the roofs of houses jingled the bells of the reindeer. They were all there, rushing as fast as they could, for they were taking Santa Claus on his Christmas eve journey.

"We mustn't leave out the cities," Santa Claus said. "Dear me, they don't have the nice old-fashioned chimneys in the cities that they do in the country places and in the towns. I have to climb down the fire escapes in the cities. But even if they didn't think of Santa Claus when they were building, Santa Claus found out a way of getting to the children!"

"Ah," he chuckled to himself, "how many stockings there will be to fill! I'll make them bulge with nuts and oranges and apples and toys and warm mittens and many of the other fine things I carry in my pack."

So the reindeer took Santa Claus that night to every home in which there were boys and girls.

"I've been asked whether I liked boys better than girls or girls better than boys," Santa Claus said to himself, "but I've never been able to answer that question. And I don't believe I ever will. Boys are wonderful, simply wonderful, and as for girls! Why, girls are wonderful, too! So there I am, you see, I can never answer that question. That's a certainty."

Sometimes Santa Claus took a look at the children who were sleeping, but always he had to hurry on, for he was so very busy. Now and again he



Boy of the North, His Dog.

kissed a sleeping child and his blue eyes twinkled happily as he saw the child smile!

At last morning came and Santa Claus was back home. His shop was quite empty of toys. His pack was quite empty, too!

Boy of the North, his dog, welcomed him with barks of joy, and Santa Claus sat down by Boy of the North and stroked him.

"Boy of the North," Santa Claus said, and Boy of the North wagged his tail, "I've been thinking of my boyhood."

Boy of the North raised his ears politely and Santa Claus continued:

"Yes, I've been thinking of my boyhood. Oh, it's not as far away as you might think. For, these are the days of my boyhood and the days that are to come will be the days of my boyhood, too."

"I will have to explain that to you, Boy of the North. You see I am rather old in years. I have a white beard and white hair and white eyebrows. But my cheeks are very rosy and red, and my eyes are clear and blue. So you can see my age is rather hard to tell."

"The whole truth is that I am still nothing but a boy! Yes, these are the days of my boyhood as are the days that have been, and as shall be the days that are to come. For my heart is young. It has been too busy thinking of children to grow old."

"Ah, some have to think very hard to remember their boyhood, but not old Santa Claus. He could never forget. Life is too jolly, too merry, too gay, too happy for him to grow really old."

"Even my white hair has not made me old. I am still a jolly boy!" And Santa Claus gave a long whistle of delight.

"But, there is a little secret, Boy of the North, and I will show it to you, so then you will know why I keep young."

Santa Claus then went to a cabinet and took out his magic telescope through which he could look and see into the rooms where the children were with their Christmas stockings and their toys.

"Do you see the children smile?" Santa Claus asked Boy of the North, and Boy of the North wagged his tail as Santa Claus gave him a look through the telescope.

Then Santa Claus looked through the telescope and his face now was all smiles.

"You dear precious boys and girls," he said, as he watched them, "your wonderful and happy faces will always keep Santa Claus a boy!"

### The Chinchilla

The chinchilla is a small South American rodent allied to the guinea pigs, but outwardly resembling a ground squirrel. It feeds on roots and lives in holes or burrows. The long, gray fur is valuable. Chinchillas have been raised in captivity, but as yet with very little commercial success.

### Quite a Difference

People who get to the depot an hour before, train time are bored, but they don't lose their tempers like those who get there five minutes after.

### Christmas Eve

THE frost is bright,  
The lamps shine white  
Along the city streets tonight,  
The people throng  
Those streets along  
With here a lot and there a song.

Can they not hear  
Where, faint yet clear,  
Across the night-winds, drawing near,  
Strange music swells  
Of camel-bells,  
While rich and deep the incense smells?

Too blind they are  
To watch from far  
The rising of the Sacred Star;  
Too quick and loud  
The hasting crowd,  
To pause before a Manger, bowed.

O hearts of men  
Grow soft again  
Miracles happen now as when  
On Mary mild  
The Savior smiled:  
Christ lives in every new-born child!

—Anchorage, in Chicago Daily Tribune.



# FARMBUREAU NOTES

R. D. BAILEY  
County Agricultural Agent

## LIVESTOCK LEGUMES LIMESTONE MEAN PROFITS IN FARMING

Ernie Knew It.

In these notes, two weeks ago, mention was made of a bull calf of very high breeding, owned by Mr. Tony Nelson. This calf is from the \$3000 bull of Thomas Phoenix of Saginaw.

Well, Mr. E. J. Richards barely heard a brief recital of the good qualities inherited by this calf, and at once said, without bickering or argument: "I'll take him." "Ernie," knows a good thing when he sees it.

Cashing In Right Along.

The efforts of the county agent, and the faith and investment of certain farmers, are now producing their fruit. We are cashing in on this faith and investment. Just notice.

1. John McGillis became convinced that a farmer will never get very far by keeping scrubs, so sold his herd of seventeen scrubs, went with the county agent beyond Gladwin and purchased three high class registered purebred heifers. We secured for him the loan of a fine registered purebred bull from the New York Central lines.

Today, Mr. McGillis has the use of fresh cows from the purchased heifers, and two high class purebred bull calves for sale. These should be purchased by Crawford County farmers just as promptly as Ernie Richards purchased the bull calf of Tony Nelson. The calves on County Line Farm, the McGillis farm, are worthy to go onto Crawford County farms to improve stock there.

These calves were both born Nov. 22. The dam or mother of one is Wolverine Flint, a purebred, an extra fine, evenly marked growthy heifer, who is a good individual carrying splendid blood lines of King Segis on her dam's side. The sire of the mother of this McGillis bull calf comes from King Flint who is from ancestry that gave 1007 pounds of butter and 21419 pounds of milk in one year.

The other McGillis bull calf is from breeding practically as good.

As John is willing to sell these fine purebred bull calves at \$35 each, registered, they ought to be snapped up quickly.

I would like to be able to report the names of the buyers next week. It shows business ability and progress in a man who will buy fine young stock like this.

It costs John \$4 a piece to register these calves.

We can't ship in calves like these for what John asks.

The highest priced bull in the world is a scrub.

"The Evergreens" Tally Again.

Yesterday Mr. Hugo Schreiber, Jr., of "The Evergreens," reported the birth of another fine purebred heifer calf.

This adds one more to an already splendid herd of Holsteins the result of some years of ideals and effort.

Beech Forest Farm Too.

The little heifer calves shipped in by Mr. Andrew Mortenson, with the help of the county agent, have quickly grown, and are now milking cows each having presented their owner with a fine purebred heifer calf.

I guarantee that Andrew does not grudge the hundred dollars originally paid for the mothers.

His bull calf, shipped in about the same time, is now a splendid animal.

Frank Love Too.

With the assistance of the county agent of Livingston and Crawford Counties, Mr. Frank Love found and shipped in a splendid bull calf that is doing well and will be the pride of his owner.

Edgewood Farm Too.

The famous Edgewood Farm has passed into the ownership of Mr. Tony Nelson.

I am glad, indeed, to see Tony take over this fine farm property.

With its splendid buildings, silo, cement floors and mangers, stanchions and an inter carrier in the barn, it is truly a modern farm.

Here I expect to see developed a herd that will make us all sit up and take notice.

We may expect to see the day when stock with the name Edgewood attached like Edgewood Segis De Kol, or any other combination with Edgewood that Tony chooses to make, will be a trade mark far and near.

Already two of Mr. Nelson's splendid imported cows have given him two aristocratic bull calves from the Thomas Phoenix \$3000 bull, with more follow.

So, you see, we are cashing in, and making progress.

Charles Corwin, whose farm will soon be named bought the fine Gierke bull.

Westgate Farm in the Race.

Richard Babbitt, of Westgate Farm, knows a good thing too, when he sees it. He bought the splendid heifer shipped in from southeastern New York State by Herman Wendt. We will soon be hearing of a fine calf there.

Elmview Farm.

When the dairy train stopped here in 1921 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Feldhauser of Elmview Farm, were right there on time, though it was early in the morning, and they lived seventeen miles away.

They came, not to pick and criticize. They came to learn, to receive ideas and good. They succeeded in this. Their eye was so taken with a splendid young bull that the train carried that they bought him, and placed him on Elmview Farm, from which center the stock of that whole community, is being improved.

Cosmopolitan Farm.

E. J. Richards, on Cosmopolitan Farm is keeping his second splendid adult sire belonging to the New York Central Lines.

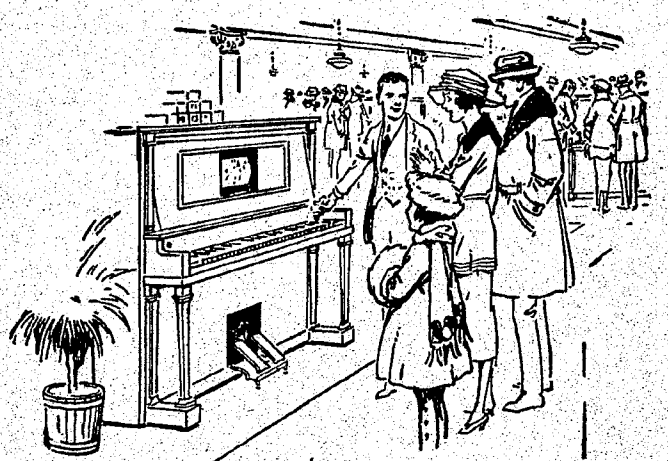
The day is surely coming when people around Frederic are going to thank Ernie for his progressiveness.

Progress on the Annis Farm.

George Annis, on whose fine silo, and on whose front gate we hope soon to see the well-chosen farm name, shipped in a splendid young bull from the Phoenix farm in Saginaw.

George can certainly grow the splendid corn to fill the silo and to go to take something pretty big to

# Suggestions for Christmas

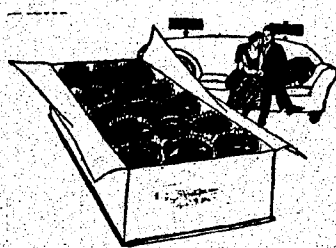


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keep him from having a big alfalfa field to go with the corn.

Three Left.

There are only three neighborhoods left in the county without their high class registered dairy sire. I earnestly hope that each of these will soon fall into line, for prosperity follows the dairy cow.

Car of Dairy Feed.

It takes breeding and it takes feeding to produce profitable dairy cows. We are getting the breeding. Now we have started on the feeding.

No dairy cow, no matter how well bred, can do well unless fed a proper grain ration. Realizing this and that no dairy cow can do her best on a ration carrying less than 20 per cent protein, and that dairymen ought to buy their feeds wholesale, a group of progressive Crawford County farmers have organized the Crawford Cooperative Marketing Association.

They have bought a warehouse on the railroad track and have stored there a car of true dairy feed to be sold at cost to members of the Cooperative Association only.

The Milkmaker.

A large part of the car of feed consists of a completely balanced grain ration, made for Michigan State Farm Bureau on a formula worked out by the Dairy Department of our Agricultural College.

So Good Is Adopted By Other States. This formula has proven to be so nearly the right thing that it has been adopted by several other states. This formula guarantees at least 24 per cent protein. You know protein is the element in dairy feed that has much to do in making milk.

Ingredient Formula.

200 lbs.—Corn Distillers' Grains.  
260 lbs.—Cottonseed Meal—43%  
240 lbs.—Linseed Oil Meal (O. P.)  
100 lbs.—Peanut Meal—Prims.  
500 lbs.—Corn Gluten Feed.  
100 lbs.—Yellow Hominy.  
100 lbs.—Ground Oats.  
200 lbs.—Wheat Standard Bran.  
100 lbs.—Wheat Standard Middlings.  
100 lbs.—Molasses (Cane).  
20 lbs.—Salt.  
20 lbs.—Calcium Carbonate.

2000 lbs.—Michigan Milkmaker.

This comes, all properly mixed, in 100 pound bags. I predict that the farmers using this are going to see satisfying results.

All good dairymen, everywhere, feed a heavy grain ration. We will have to as well as they.

Christmas Is Near.

As this sacred and wonderful season approaches, let us all let much of its spirit of good will, kindness, forgiveness, high ideals, aspiration for better things here and hereafter creep into our minds, our lives, our acts.

May each of us, in our own family circle, find the peace and love that alone make life worth living.

We are placed here, not to grovel, or to injure or to stagnate; but, to develop daily into more able, wiser, more ideal men and women, just as we expect the seeds we plant to develop.

If we are disappointed when a crop fails, how much more must the creator who placed us all here be grieved when we possessing incalculable possibilities fail of full fruition!

Merry Christmas.

A Good Thing—DON'T MISS IT.

Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, "flu" and whooping cough, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin afflictions; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

## NOTICE.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the lands herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lies, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of land:

State of Michigan, County of Crawford.

Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid, \$4.65. Tax for year 1917.

Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$5.15. Tax for year 1918.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$7.49. Tax for year 1916.

South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$8.30. Tax for year 1917.

South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$9.25. Tax for year 1918.

Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$4.26. Tax for year 1916.

South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$7.49. Tax for year 1916.

South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$6.30. Tax for year 1917.

South 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of sec. 19, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$9.25. Tax for year 1918.

Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of sec. 18, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$4.26. Tax for year 1916.

Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of sec. 18, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$6.30. Tax for year 1917.

Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of sec. 18, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$6.75. Tax for year 1918.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 30, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$8.77. Tax for year 1916.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 30, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$7.67. Tax for year 1917.

West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of sec. 30, town 28 north, range 2 west. Amount paid \$12.48. Tax for year 1918.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$255.74 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Henry A. Bauman, Place of business, Grayling, Mich. To Ebenezer J. Wright and James Davidson, last grantees in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

State of Michigan, County of Crawford

I do hereby certify and return, that the within notice was delivered to me for service on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1923, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or postoffice address of Ebenezer J.

Wright and James Davidson or of either of them, the persons appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, to be the last grantees in the regular chain of title to the within described lands at the said date of the said delivery of such notice to me for service but am reliably informed that they are both dead or of the heirs of said grantees or of either of them, or mortgagee, or assignee, or whereabouts or the post-office address of the executors, administrators, trustees, or guardians of such grantees, mortgagee or assignee upon the foregoing described land.

Peter F. Jorgenson, Sheriff of said County.

Dated Nov. 27, 1923.

My fees, \$ 11-29-4.

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Judge of Probate.

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# Locals

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923.

Edmond's Foot-Fitters in all sizes and colors. Olson's Shoe Store.

Miss Morse, State Superintendent of the Red Cross nurses arrived Tuesday afternoon to make a survey of the work being done in Crawford County.

Mrs. Nick Schjotz, George Olson, N. P. Olson, Esbern Olson and families motored to East Jordan last Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Olson and family.

The County Agricultural agent is giving a series of illustrated lectures at the various rural schools on dairying, as he thinks that this subject is one of paramount importance to the farmers of this county.

Miss Janet Matson is expected home today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efner Matson and family. Miss Matson is attending school at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

Mrs. R. H. Gillett was hostess to the Bridge club Saturday afternoon, everyone enjoying the occasion. Mrs. C. R. Keyport held the highest score. Mrs. A. M. Lewis, Mrs. Harry Pool and Mrs. J. K. Hanson were guests.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist church will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 22 at 6:30 at the high school auditorium. An attractive program has been prepared and parents are urged to come with their children.

Miss Hazel Cassidy, who is attending Ypsilanti Normal college will arrive Thursday afternoon to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy. Miss Margaret and Bernadette Cassidy of Grand Rapids are expected Saturday.

Fair and warmer seems to be all the weather man is able to predict for December. Instead of his usual Christmas greeting of snow and cold. We will not consider that the weather man has proved right to be an aid of Santa Claus unless he delivers a real snow storm Christmas Eve.

One of the world's best known financiers is transacting a large amount of business in this vicinity this year. Carloads and truckloads of Christmas trees have gone south to bring the spirit of Christmas and the scent of the pine to thousands of crowded apartment homes in the large cities.

Buy Shoes, Artics, and Rubbers at Olson's Shoe Store.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Virginia Doughty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Doughty of Memphis, Tenn., to Mr. Lloyd Franklin Layne of the same place took place Thursday evening, December 13. The young bride is the granddaughter of F. A. Eckenfels, of this city, who was selected as Miss Memphis in the Commercial Appeal's Beauty contest in 1922 and was given fourth place among the scores of beauties who contested at Atlantic City for the Miss America crown. Her mother before her marriage was known as Miss Josephine Eckenfels and will be remembered by many Grayling people, who were her schoolmates at that time.

## TESTED RECIPES.

**Creamed Sweetbreads on Toast.**

Wash the sweetbreads, put into boiling water and simmer gently for about one hour. Drain, cool quickly and break them apart into piece, removing the membrane. Chop fine a

half can of mushrooms; mix with the sweetbreads. Add one cup of white sauce, well seasoned. Stand over hot water until heated through. Serve with toast points, garnished with green peas.

## Pullman Sandwiches.

Place on each plate one slice of toast cut in four pieces. On each quarter put a thin slice of chicken, then a piece of bacon which has been fried crisp, and top with hard cooked eggs cut in half lengthwise. Cover all with tomato sauce, and garnish with parsley or cress.

## H. S. BASKET BALL.

The class basket ball games of the Grayling High school have turned out to be a success. The first games were played last Tuesday night between the Seniors and Juniors. The lineups were as follows:

### Seniors.

Matson—F.  
Olson—F.  
Trudeau—C.  
R. Edwards—G.  
A. Barrett—G.  
F. Klingensmith—F.

### Juniors.

I. Cameron—F.  
R. Yahr—F.  
H. Ruessky—C.  
E. Douglas—G.  
H. Herrick—G.  
W. Ewalt—G.

The seniors won the first game 8-14. This was an overtime game, the Juniors hustling their upper classmen.

The second game was played between the 8A and 8B. The 8B winning by a slight margin. W. Johnson starred for the 8B.

### The lineups:

#### Eighth B.

Johnson—F.  
J. Smith—F.  
W. Smith—C.  
Tebo—G.  
Hendrickson—G.  
V. Smith—F.  
G. Schroeder—F.  
F. Peck—C.  
E. Peck—G.  
F. Morfit—G.

The second games were played Friday night between the Freshmen and the Sophomores, the Greenies defeating the Pioneers, 16-11. This was a fast game from start to finish but the ability of the Freshmen was displayed in every phase of the game. Johnson starred for the Freshmen. The lineup:

### Sophomores.

Brady—F.  
Schroeder—F.  
Klingensmith—C.  
Bell—G.  
Johnson—G.  
Brown—F.

### Freshmen.

Griggs—F.  
Schmidt—F.  
Hanson—C.  
Trude—G.  
Brady—G.

The preliminary game was played between the 7A and 7B. 7B winning 6-3. Isenbauer starred for the 7B. The lineup:

### Seventh B.

Isenbauer—F.  
Edwards—F.  
Coffman—C.  
Johnson—G.  
Wheeler—G.  
Tebo—G.

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